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■ *While the village sleeps*

All night, every night except Saturday, about 20 workers from Whitaker Construction and Nichols Engineers are excavating and grading for the new Highway 1 climbing lane. This week, a giant shovel was digging for the final installation of a new drainage pipe under the east shoulder of the road. According to county official Nick Nichols, the $4.7 million project is on schedule for completion by the end of February.

PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Council blesses 251 affordable granny rentals

By TAMARA GRIPPI

AFFORDABLE HOUSING was on the Carmel City Council's mind Dec. 6 when it voted to change Carmel law to allow two houses on the same property to be rented — a move that opens up as many as 251 cottages for less expensive rental units.

Voting 4-0, with councilwoman Barbara Livingston stepping down because she rents out an apartment above her garage, the council agreed to strike an old prohibition against renting a "subordinate unit" on a property if the owner is also renting out the main unit.

The council agreed to change the law in hope of providing housing where city employees and others with moderate incomes can afford to live.

"We have to find a solution to house the city's work force and others who work in this town," said Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud. "And we are going to have to get our heads out of the sand and figure out how to house the executive directors of some of the nonprofits who are leaving town."

The granny units, many of which were illegally converted from sheds or built without city approval, were granted amnesty by Carmel in the early 1990s. At that time, the city council decided property owners with granny units on their properties should only rent out one — either the main house or the granny unit — but not both.

The Carmel Planning Department has confirmed that 251

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Bounty on porta-potty arsonists

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHO BURNED the potties?

That's what dozens of residents calling themselves Carmel Beach Users want to know, and they've gathered $1,000 in hopes of enticing someone to come forward with an answer.

"For the arrest and conviction of a suspect, we are offering a reward of $1,000 put up by friends and neighbors," said Carmelite Clayton Anderson. "We just thought it was outrageous — we can't allow this type of vandalism to occur in Carmel — it's unacceptable."

The two porta-potties that once stood inside a little redwood enclosure amidst a couple of cypress trees off the

*See **REWARD** page 15A*

CARMEL'S LEE CAPLIN BRINGS MUHAMMED ALI BIO TO SCREEN

By ANNE PAPINEAU

CARMEL JEOPARDY answer: Hometown link to William Faulkner, Muhammed Ali and Oliver Stone. Question: Who is Lee Caplin?

Caplin is a seven-year local whose achievements are as diverse in scope as the legacies of the three men just named. Multi-tasking dynamo? Oh yes.

He's exclusive representative of the literary estate of Nobel laureate William Faulkner. With Luis Valdez, he helped establish the Arts and Technology Institute at CSUMB. He's the husband of concert pianist Gita Karasik, who introduced him to Carmel through her involvement with the Carmel Bach Festival. Caplin served on Carmel's Committee for Art in Public Places, helps Harrison Memorial Library and the Forest Theater Guild, and wrote the book on "The Business of Art." He's a telecommunications entrepreneur and an RLS dad. And even those achievements are mere sidelights from his *curriculum vitae*.

Caplin also executive-produced "Ali," the film biography that stars Will Smith as the boxing legend. It opens in theaters nationwide on Christmas Day.

"Ali" represents the fruition of 11 years' labor on Caplin's behalf.

"Breathless"

"We had so many writers on the script, so many different people, it's left me rather breathless. For a while I had Oliver Stone signed to write and direct. But Muhammed Ali never heard of him because he never goes to the movies," Caplin told The Pine Cone. "I finally got the two together and Stone is a pretty strong personality. Later Ali confided in me, 'There's only room for one king in

*See **CAPLIN** page 10A*

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Will Smith gained 55 pounds of muscle to portray boxing legend Muhammed Ali in the new film executive-produced by Carmel's Lee Caplin.

Crowd of candidates for sheriff stand to win big retirement, too

By KIRSTIE WILDE

BY FAR, the largest field of candidates for any Monterey County election next year is the one for sheriff. Eight men filed papers by the Dec. 12 deadline. And the race shapes up as an extremely emotional one not only for the candidates, but also for the coworkers the victorious sheriff will elevate to the appointed positions of chief and undersheriff. Besides the important job of commanding law enforcement in this county, the next sheriff stands to profit handsomely from his promotion, as will his top assistants.

The stakes — thousands of dollars a year for life in extra retirement benefits — are extremely high for the candidates and their supporters inside the department.

The brass ring

Winning the sheriff's job is called "the brass ring" by many in the Monterey County Sheriff's Department. Current Sheriff Gordon Sonné certainly improved his retirement package when he was elected four years ago. Had he retired at the rank of investigator in 1998, his retirement pay would have been only about $37,500 per year. But by winning the sheriff's job, Sonné will retire at 90 percent of the sheriff's salary, ($130,000) — an annual *raise* of $79,500 that will last until he dies.

His three chiefs of staff and undersheriff, all inves-

*See **MONEY** page 9A*

Council endorses new historic preservation program

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE CARMEL City Council reaffirmed its commitment to voluntary historic preservation Dec. 6 when members endorsed a new preservation program that relies on incentives and education instead of force.

Voting 4-1, with councilwoman Barbara Livingston dissenting, the council also decided to override the environmental-impact report that previously concluded only a mandatory program would be legal under state law.

Carmel Principal Planner Brian Roseth explained that the city's "statement of overriding consideration" lays out the "community values at stake here — the value we place on historic resources versus the value we place on individual freedom."

Livingston dissented, arguing the environmental study failed to analyze the cumulative impact on community character stemming from the loss of older buildings.

"The EIR fails to provide a reasonable range of alternatives," Livingston said. "It only offers two — mandatory and the proposed [voluntary] program."

Roseth called the proposed preservation program "considerably stronger" than the city's existing one. The new program does call for mandatory preservation of eight structures that have national significance — including the Carmel Mission and the Carmel Art Association building on Dolores.

The remaining 215 properties with local significance, identified in a survey conducted by historian Kent Seavey, will be preserved only with the consent of the owners.

Planning staff emphasized new incentives — such as exceptions to building codes and zoning standards — will encourage owners to preserve their homes. The new program will also waive all fees for building permits and applications to alter registered historic buildings.

Mills Act

Some at the meeting argued that important financial incentives for property owners are in the Mills Act — which includes tax breaks to help homeowners pay for repair and maintenance of historic buildings.

"Without the Mills Act, those [local] resources identified by the survey are left without any protection, really," said historic preservation committee member Anne Bell.

The new preservation program includes a provision for the establishment of historic districts as long as two-thirds of the properties actually contribute to the theme of the district.

Councilman Gerard Rose questioned what he called the "snooze, you lose" method of setting up a district. Unless more than 50 percent of the property owners actively oppose it, it can be created.

"If the survey cards are [simply] not returned, the area becomes a historic district."

But councilman Dick Ely said there are enough checks and balances in place to "prevent any well-intended citizen from going out and running a survey on their own and all of a sudden a Carmel district becomes historic."

The new historic preservation program will also prevent homes from "being demolished by neglect," according to staff.

"It's a situations where you know you can't tear a building down, so you just let it deteriorate till it falls over," Roseth explained. "This kind of provision provides some sort of safeguard."

City offers historic Christmas present

"A CENTURY at Sunset, 1901-2001," a new video produced by Emmy award winner Lamont Johnson, chronicles Sunset Center's history from a one room school house to the cultural center of Carmel.

The video is on sale now for $20 at Carmel City Hall, the offices of the Monterey County Symphony, the Bach Festival and Sunset Center, and at the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. on Ocean at Lincoln.

All proceeds from the sale of the video will help fund the Sunset Theater Renovation Project.

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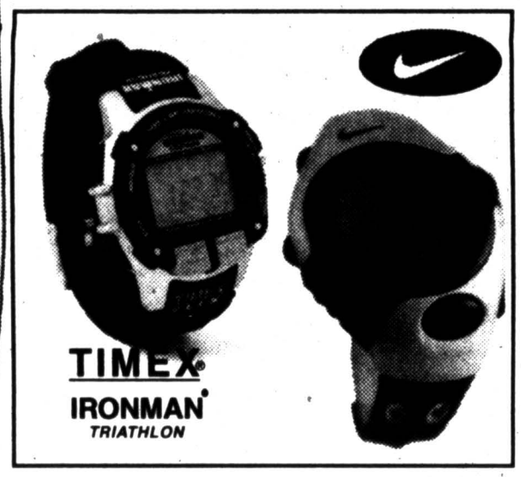

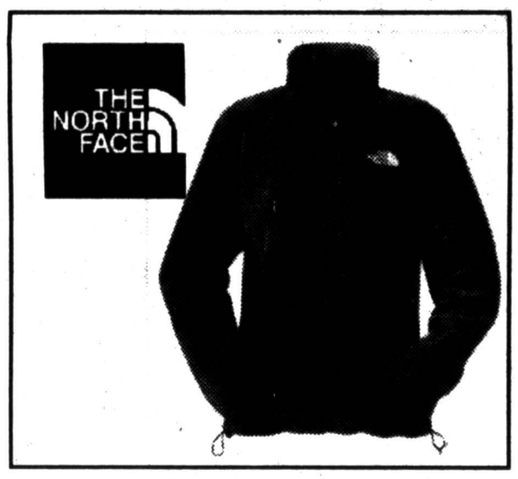

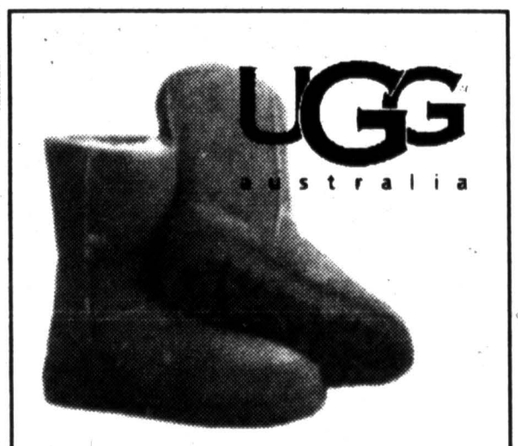

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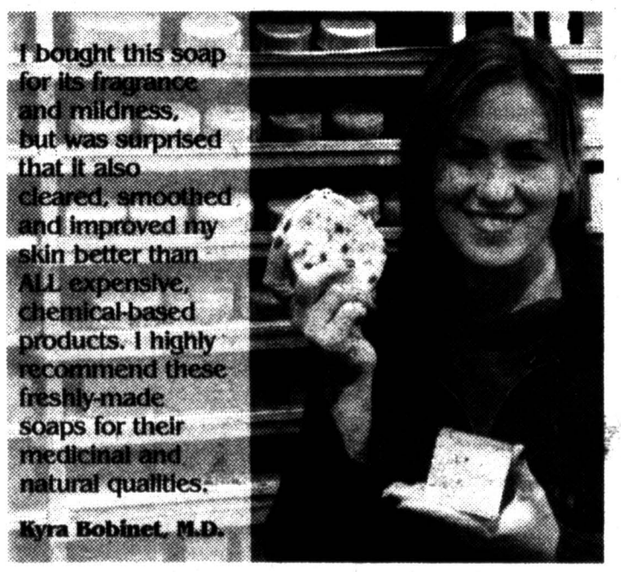
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Coastal commission supports rules to rein in speculators

By TAMARA GRIPPI

SAN FRANCISCO — MEMBERS OF the California Coastal Commission pledged their support for more laws to limit real estate speculators from taking advantage of old, privately recorded subdivision maps that may have gone unrecognized by the government and the public for years.

After listening to a report about recent litigation and a new state law signed by the governor in October — limiting property owners' ability to turn old lots into gold — commissioners agreed that more needs to be done.

"This commission has determined we do have compelling interests in the Coastal Act to further regulate certificates of compliance," said commissioner Mike Reilly. "I'd like to go on record saying we'd like to fully participate any way we can with efforts in the next legislative session."

Coastal staff affirmed that the commission may be involved in efforts to pass additional legislation.

Attorney Jonathan Witwer, one of the authors of the new legislation, SB 97, which goes into effect Jan. 1, told the commission that some of the property subdivided on paper only years ago may not have ever been intended for the type of development that property owners may try to achieve today.

"The question that arises for the commission and cities is: Are those subdivisions for land use purposes?" Witwer said. "Was it intentional to create a subdivision that meant every lot on the map was to be developed? I think you will find that question being answered more and more in the negative."

Witwer explained that many years ago subdivision lines may have been drawn simply to provide an easy way to describe and transfer the property.

Deputy Attorney General Jamee Jordan Patterson updated the commission on how some recent court decisions will impact the way certificates of compliance are handled. In one case decided by the Court of Appeals, Sonoma County prevailed against a challenge to its refusal to issue certificates of compliance based solely on the recording of a map.

"The courts decided that the mere recordation of the map did not in and of itself create legal parcels," Patterson said, noting that the case has been appealed to the state Supreme Court.

The coastal commission also talked about how to deal with property owners who try to convert lots that are unusable because of terrain or lack of street access into viable lots by adjusting lot lines.

Reilly made note of an ordinance adopted in Sonoma County that restricts approval of line adjustments for lots that don't conform to the county's general plan.

Alan Seltzer, senior counsel for the County of Santa Barbara, also told the commission that the any new laws should also crack down on "fraction lots" — unevenly divided parcels that are often much smaller than the minimum size for development, but which, under current law, may be converted into viable lots, thereby allowing property owners to increase the number of lots they have for development.

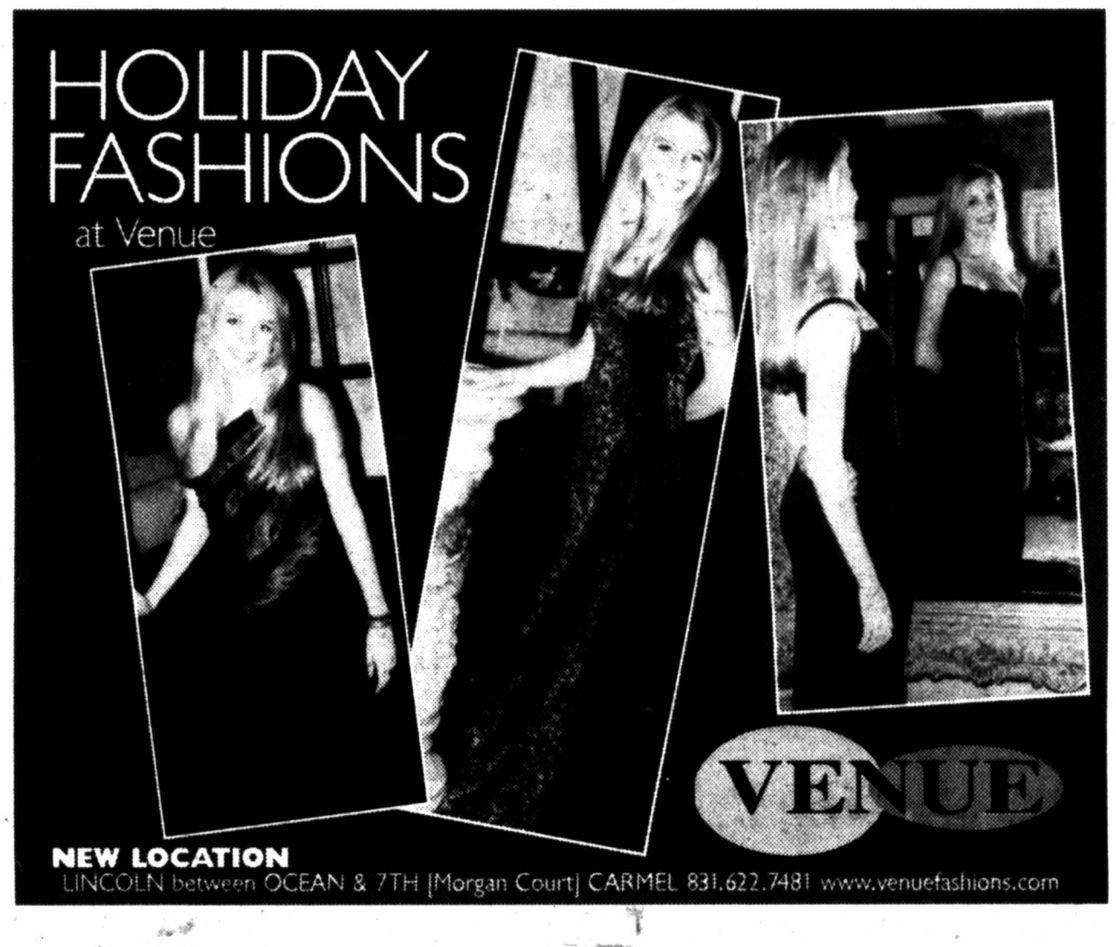
"If lot line adjustment is a Frankenstein that left the lab, then fractions of lots are a virus," Seltzer said.

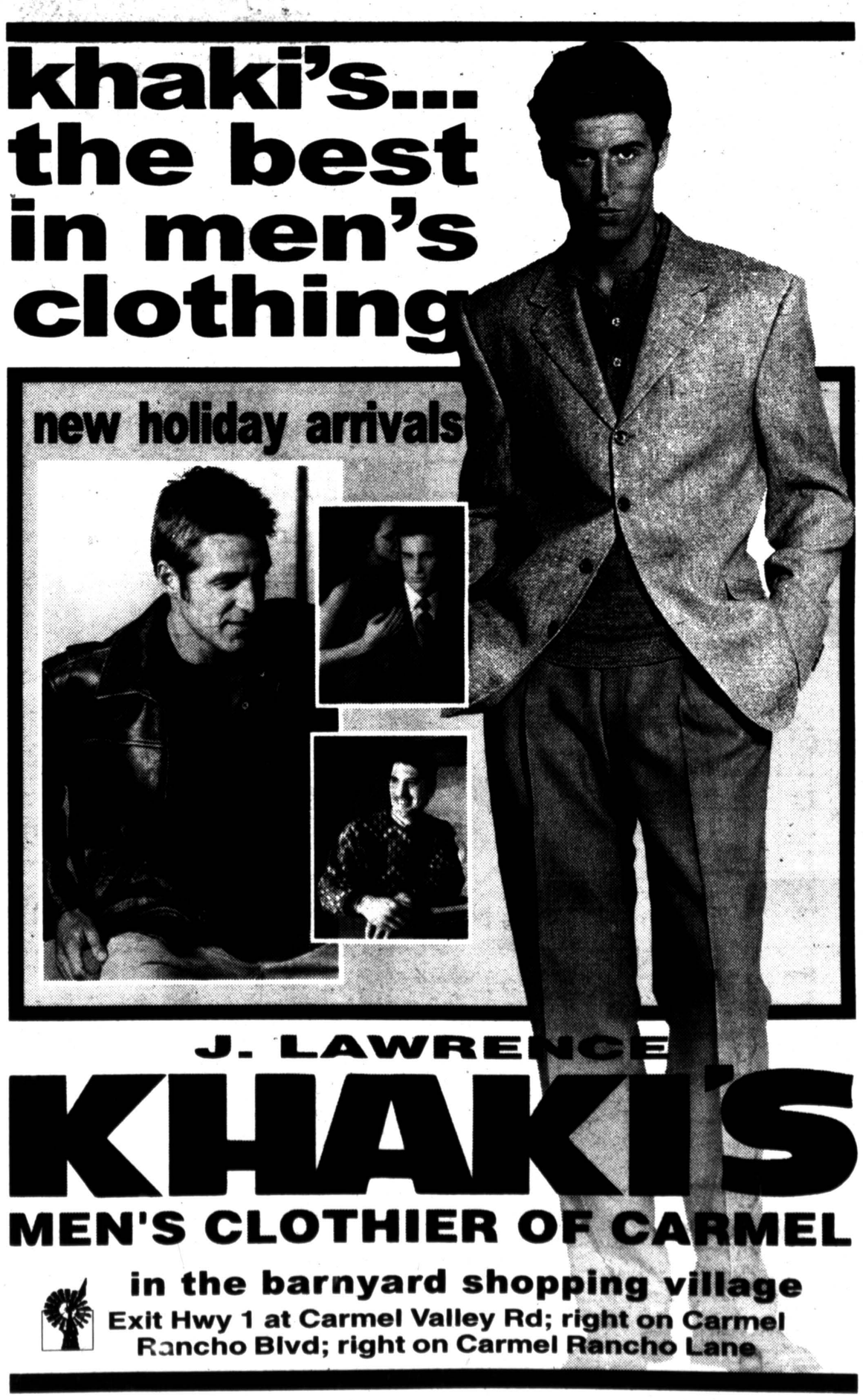
Pat Neal, the coastal commission's representative from the business, transportation and housing agency, advised the commission to think about consumer protection as it considers more regulation.

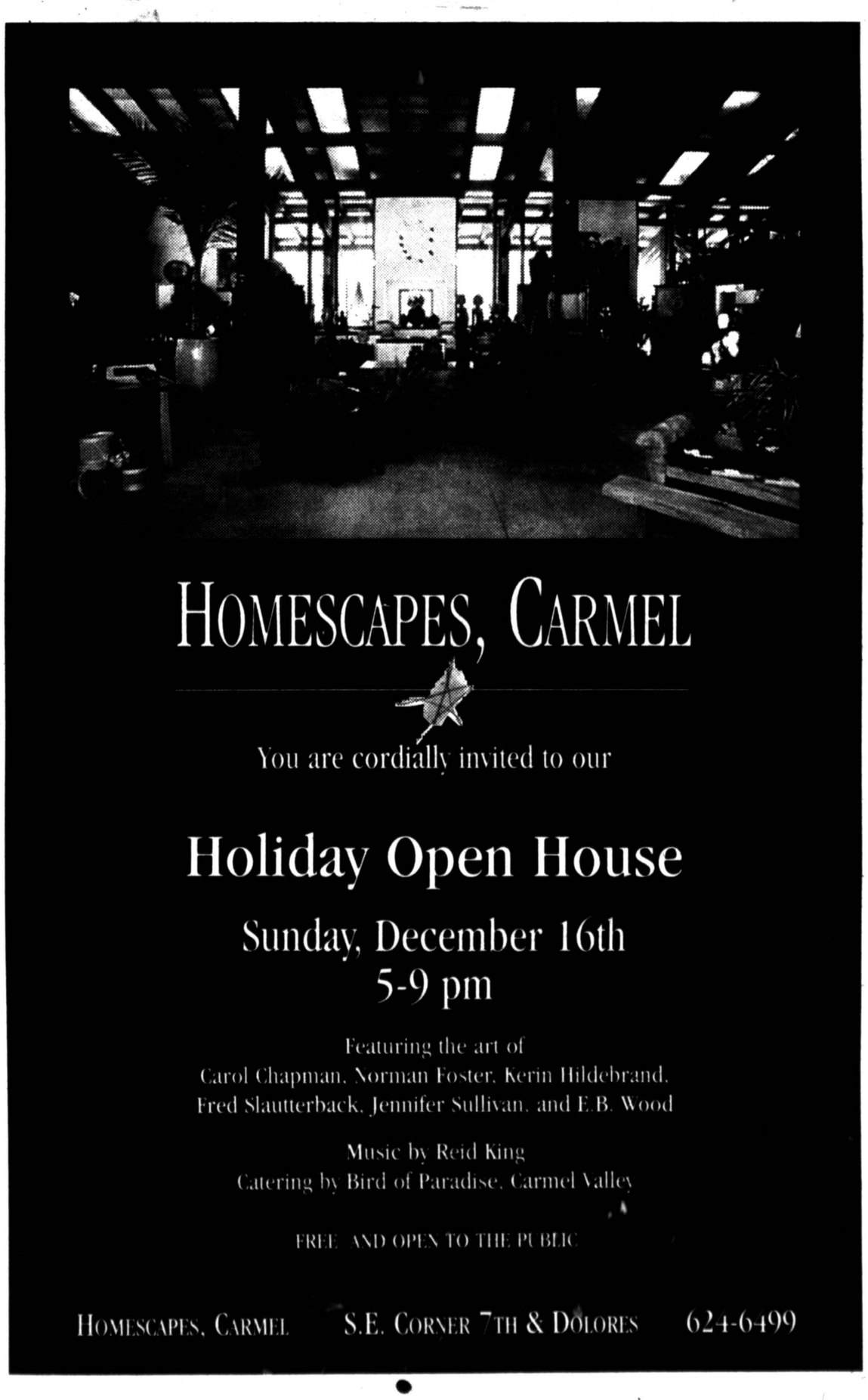
Rare clock grabbed

SOMEONE MADE off with a $7,500 antique clock after smashing a window at Fourtane Estate Jewelers at Ocean and Lincoln Dec. 13, according to Carmel Police Detective Sgt. Terry Chandler. The alarm sounded at 3:55 a.m. and officers responded within a minute-and-a-half, Chandler said, but the burglar was already gone.

"They broke out the window directly in line with clock, pulled out the clock and ran," he said. "Glass was splattered all over the place. There are no witnesses, and no suspects at this point."



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Stop sign not a clothes line

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: San Carlos store owner reported suspicious subjects in her store. No further action.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a 3-by-5-foot nylon American flag found in the roadway along the center island on the westbound lane of Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of battery in the basement of an Ocean Avenue store. Suspect reportedly intoxicated.

Carmel area: Unknown person(s) stole a Dolores resident's surfboard sometime during the night while he was at work.

Carmel Valley: Tassajara Road resident reported he had a verbal confrontation with another man.

Carmel area: Oak Way resident thought he might become the victim of a real estate scam.

Carmel area: Camino Real resident reported a subject left several annoying phone calls, trespassed and stole several items. Suspect is on probation. Case continues.

Carmel area: Concerned person requested a welfare check on homeless female and her young child at the Crossroads Safeway. Female was contacted. She was en route to a motel for the evening.

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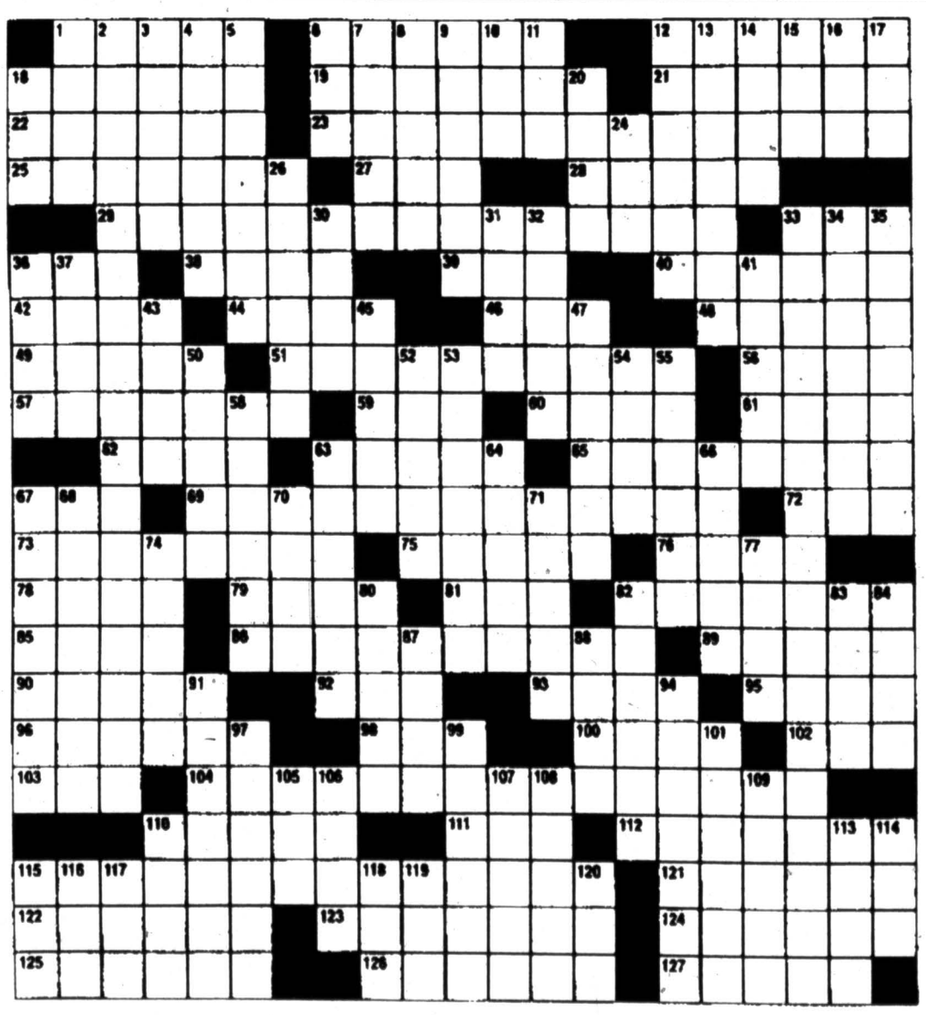

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Beware Toys for Tots fake, sheriff's department warns

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A MAN representing himself as a member of the Monterey County Sheriff's Department has been stealing money from county residents by soliciting support for the well-known Toys for Tots program, according to the Monterey County Sheriff's Department.

Nobody from the sheriff's department solicits money for the program, Sgt. Chris Pascone warned, and anyone who encounters someone making such a claim should report the incident to the department's tip line at 1-888-833-4847.

Legit toy drives

"That guy's messing with the wrong people," said Dave Crozier from the department's community field office in The Crossroads. "I laugh at that because Toys for Tots — the U.S. Marine Corps and biker groups are their biggest advocates — and that's kind of brave. You don't want those guys after you."

Crozier said the sheriff's department doesn't ask for money, but is continuing to ask for toys — teddy bears and stuffed animals in particular.

"Our teddy bear drive is still going on — it's going right through the end of the year," he said. "Actually, we collect 12 months out of the year."

Over the years, the department has given more than 5,000 stuffed animals to children and others who needed comfort while in emergency rooms, crisis groups, shelters and agencies for the elderly.

The sheriff's department also distributes the teddy bears to various public safety agencies so they'll have them on hand whenever they need to comfort someone, and sends many to nonprofit organizations and holiday events for needy children.

Since its 2001 holiday drive began in earnest Nov. 15, the department has collected about 400 stuffed toys, according to Crozier.

The sheriff's department is also a partner in the Crime Prevention Officers Association annual toy drive, along with other county and city law enforcement agencies.

Anyone interested in donating new, unwrapped toys for either drive should contact Crozier at 622-7861 or visit the sheriff's community field office in The Crossroads.

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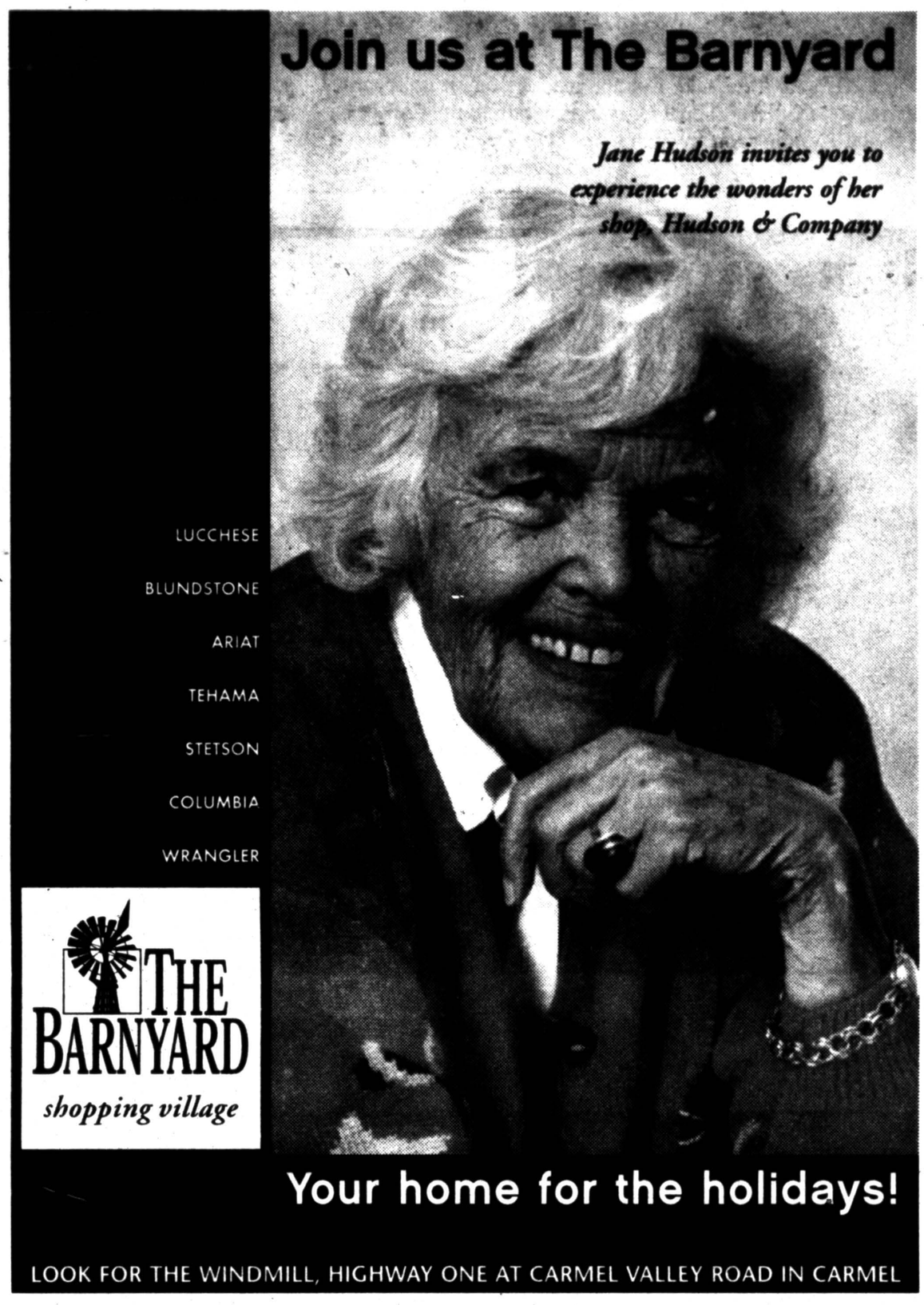

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Local Coastal Program on its way to coastal commission

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE CARMEL City Council made good on its promise to deliver a finished Local Coastal Program to the California Coastal Commission by year's end. On Dec. 6 the council wrapped up its work on all the components of the LCP as well as the city's new historic preservation program.

Carmel City Administrator Rich Guillen said the completed LCP will be hand delivered to the coastal commission's office in Santa Cruz Dec. 20.

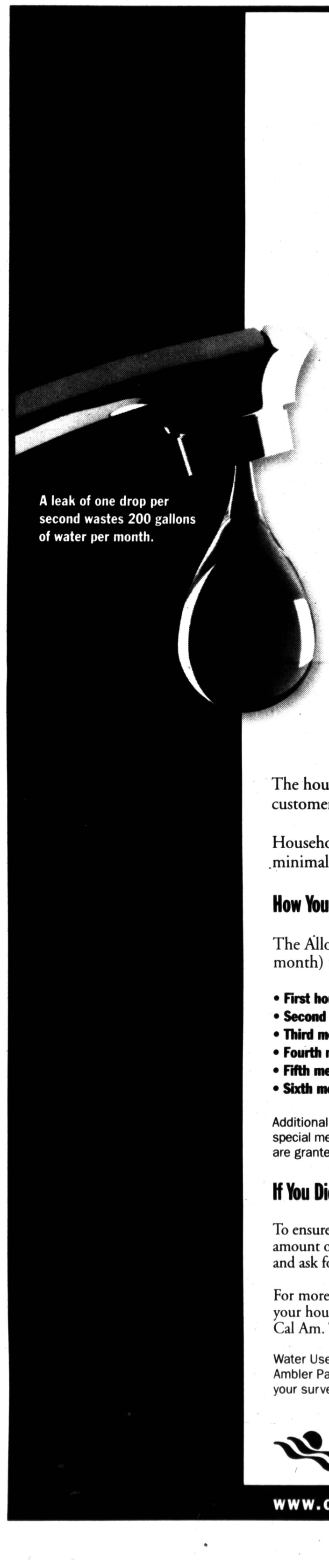
"This document was a long time coming," said Carmel Principal Planner Brian Roseth at the council's Dec. 6 meeting. "There were many hours put in on this and I'd like to thank the patience of the city council and the forbearance of the planning commission."

The council already approved its land use plan — the first portion of the LCP setting forth the city's coastal policies — back in April. At the Dec. 6 meeting, the council approved the various ordinances that will enforce city policy in draft form, acknowledging that the coastal commission will undoubtedly require changes in the final document.

Carmel and all other coastal jurisdictions in California were required by the Coastal Act of 1976 to complete an LCP no later than 1981. While the city attempted to complete its LCP more than 10 years ago, the coastal commission wouldn't accept the program the city OK'd, and the city never acted on changes the commission wanted.

Completion of the program would enable Carmel property owners to get coastal development permits at city hall instead of having to go to the coastal commission. It would also ensure that city law conforms to the requirements of the Coastal Act.

See LCP page 11A



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Commission OKs Martin house, rejects Pressley

By TAMARA GRIPPI

SAN FRANCISCO — The final chapter of Gary Martin's quest to build his retirement home on Camino Real and 13th closed Dec. 13 as the California Coastal Commission unanimously approved his new house plans.

At the same meeting, however, Norm Pressley, who has spent much of the last decade trying to build a house in Pescadero Canyon to replace his cabin destroyed by a falling tree in 1995, did not get the answer he was seeking.

In the Martin case, commissioners disagreed with the coastal staff which had recommended that Martin be required to rebuild his new house in the identical footprint of the Gus Arriola home to maintain Carmel's "community character."

"I can't recall us applying community character in this manner ever before to apply to a slight orientation of the house outside the footprint of the other house," said commissioner Mike Reilly in supporting Martin's plans.

Commissioner Dave Potter pointed out that two issues in Martin's application that had previously concerned the commission — a request for a lot-line adjustment and the demolition of the former house — had gone away, leaving nothing left to scrutinize.

The commission originally turned down Martin's request in July, largely because of beliefs that the original house — once the residence of cartoonist Gus Arriola — was historic.

Since then, Carmel's building inspector red tagged the house as uninhabitable and the City of Carmel voted to employ its police powers to allow the demolition.

Last week, the house was taken down.

How sensitive?

Commissioners squared off over whether to allow Norm Pressley to build a 1,196-square-foot house to replace the 392-square-foot cabin destroyed by a falling tree in 1995.

At issue was whether the Pressley property sits in an "environmentally sensitive habitat area."

Coastal staff asserted that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea designated all of Pescadero Canyon as an ESHA, requiring strict protection under California environmental quality laws, and suggested that Pressley be allowed to build a much smaller project — a 431-square-foot house.

Pressley's attorney, Tony Lombardo, begged to differ, noting the results of a study conducted by Denise Duffy and Associates.

"The site is dominated by non-native, non-riparian vegetation," Lombardo said. "There are no Monterey pines, no special status plants or animals found."

Potter concurred that the site is dominated by ivy and pointed out that Pressley's request to build less than 1,200 square feet was reasonable.

"If you go to a staff recommendation of 431 square feet, the size of a two-car garage, you're not going to pass the laugh test in court," Potter said.

On a 5-4 vote the majority of commissioners ultimately rejected the project largely because of the environmental issue.

"You can't look at this area and say it's ESHA and say we'll pick out pieces and say they're not ESHA," said commission chairwoman Sara Wan. "That's not how an ecosystem works."

But commissioner Cynthia McClain-Hill cautioned the commission against voting down a project with minimal impacts.

"This commission should not get in the habit of majoring in minors," McClain-Hill said. Lombardo said his clients will likely challenge the decision in court.

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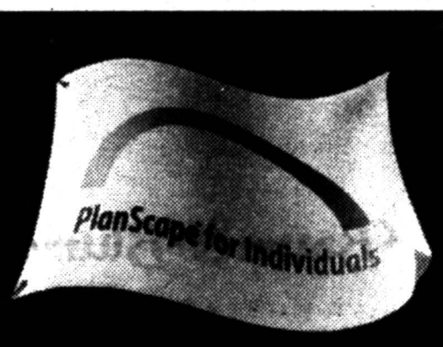

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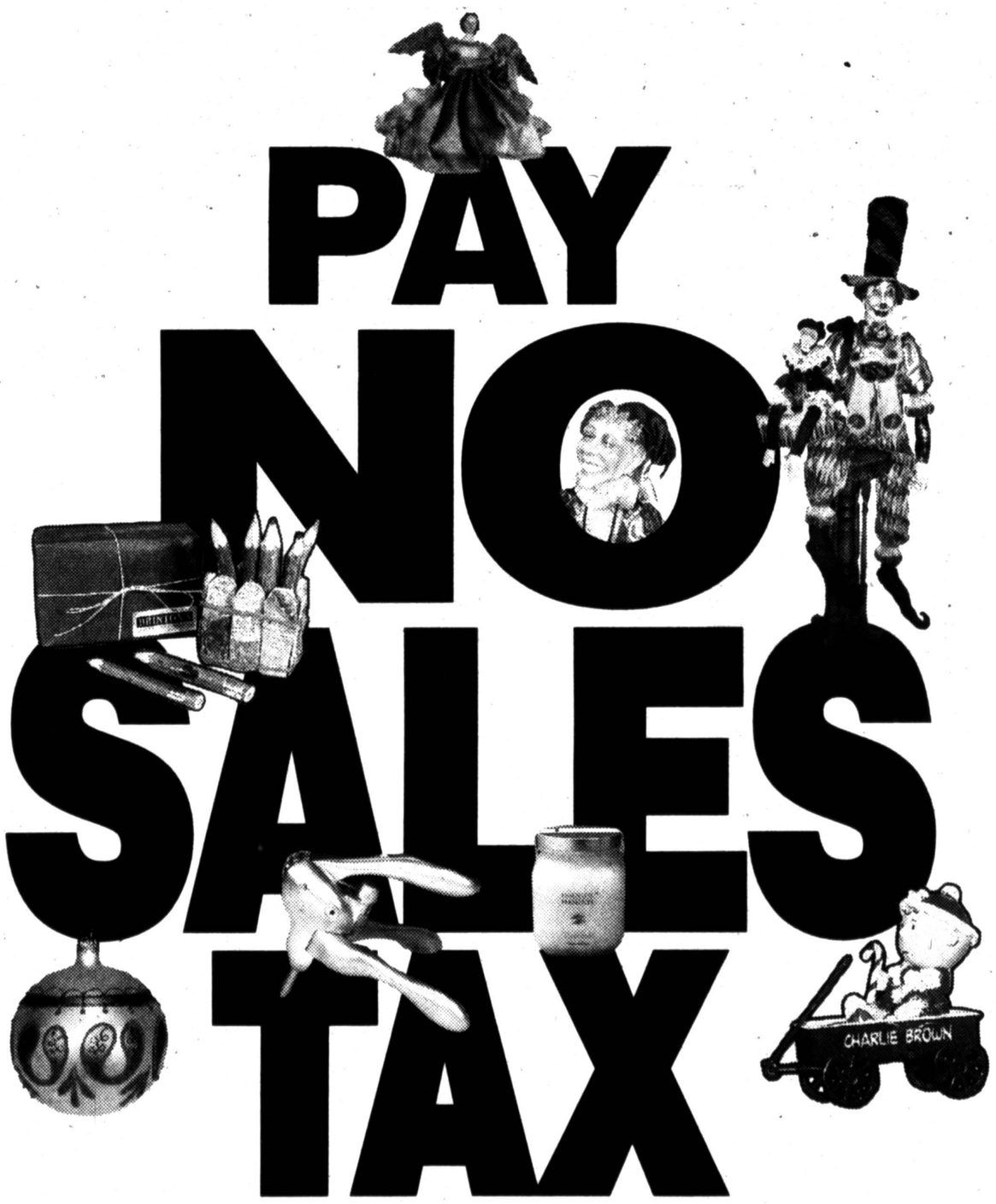

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Carmel joins campaign to keep tax money from going to state

By TAMARA GRIPPI

WARY OF how the State of California will resolve its huge projected budget deficit, the Carmel City Council decided not to waste any time opposing possible plans to take away tax revenues from cities.

The city council voted unanimously this week to join with other Monterey Bay cities and contribute $2,000 toward an aggressive media campaign to protect local tax revenues.

"Here we go again," said Carmel City Administrator Rich Guillen. "In the early 1990s, the state was hit with a recession and they decided to balance the budget on the backs of local agencies, especially the cities."

At that time, the state took away approximately 9 percent of property taxes from the cities and counties and diverted it to an 'Education Relief Augmentation Fund' for state-wide funding of public schools.

Guillen said the city managers are very concerned the state will once again target cities' revenues. One proposal is aimed at absorbing the cities' vehicle license fee, which would mean a $280,000 loss for Carmel.

"In an $11 million budget, that's a significant amount," Guillen said.

Another possibility would be a second Education Relief Augmentation Fund that would change the local tax formula to send more money to the state.

"I think cities are tired of lying down and continuing to allow the state to take money away from us and our ability to provide public service," Guillen said.

Watsonville City Manager Carlos Palacios contacted Guillen last month, proposing the idea for a media campaign that could include television, radio and print ads.

The campaign will encourage people to contact the governor's office as well as their elected officials and urge them to protect local revenues from the state.

"We should encourage individuals to also talk to their elected representatives and tell them unfunded mandates that come from the state continue to have an impact on the cities as well," said councilman Dick Ely.

Water credit transfers not a done deal

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AS SOON as Judi Lehman takes her position next week as the newest director on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management board and current director Alvin Edwards is sworn in for another four-year term, discussion will commence on several weighty issues.

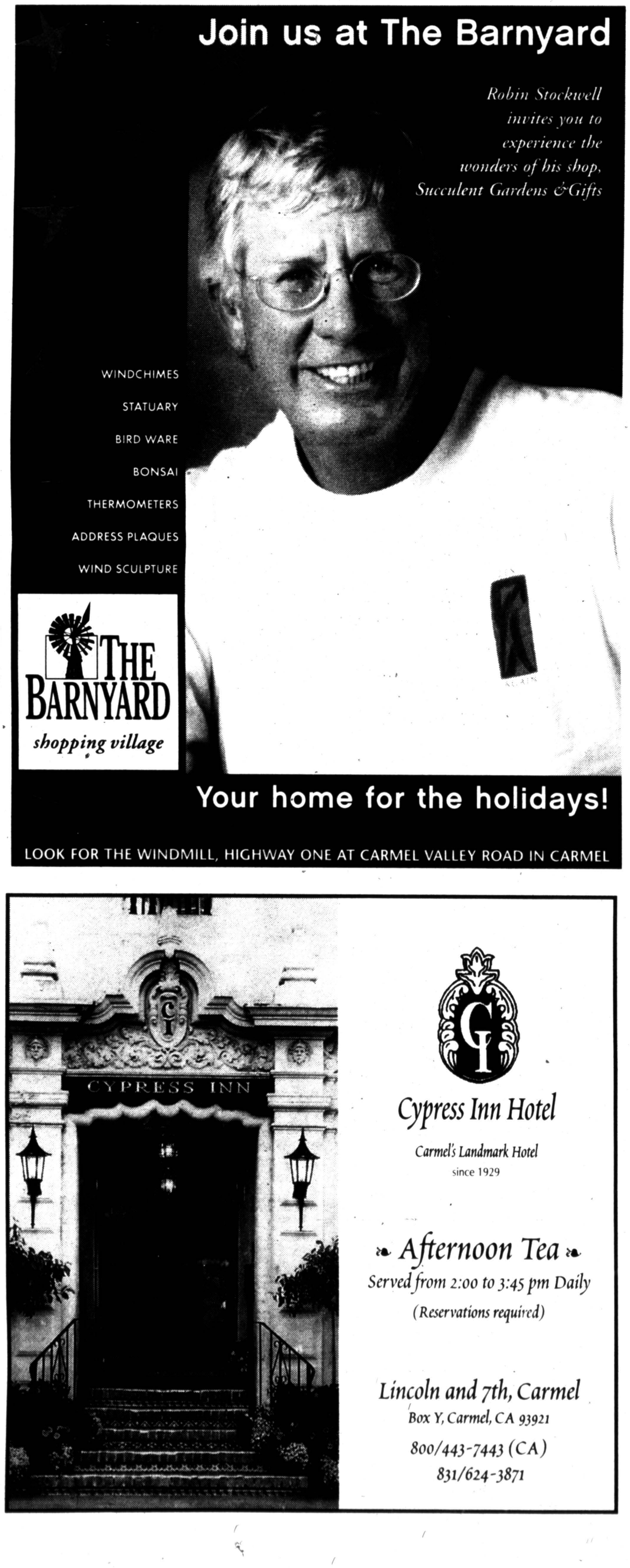
Just as he said he would, director Zan Henson has requested the board reconsider its 5-2 approval of new rules for transferring water credits. If the motion for reconsideration is approved, the Nov. 19 action on the ordinance allowing the transfer of water credits between commercial properties and from commercial properties to municipal governments would be rescinded. The board would then discuss and take action on the ordinance again.

Lehman's arrival on the board and Ron Chesshire's departure shifts the balance of power toward those who oppose transferring water credits. Directors Molly Erickson and Kris Lindstrom voted against the ordinance Nov. 19, and Henson supported it only so he could request it be reconsidered. Lehman has said she opposes water credit transfers.

If the motion for reconsideration fails, the ordinance will take effect Dec. 19.

Henson has also asked the board to reconsider its Nov. 19 extension of the current moratorium on water credit transfer applications.

The water board will meet Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in council chambers at Monterey City Hall, Pacific and Madison streets in Monterey. For more information, call the district at 658-5600.



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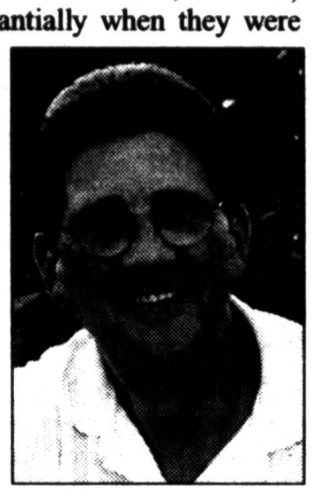

Terry Kaiser

It's easy to see why the field of candidates is so large, and why the behind-the-scenes jockeying for favor with the candidates perceived as strongest, is intensifying. The possible retirement increases vary, based on the individual candidate's current job rank, age, and length of service, but they're all impressive:

- Investigative Staff Sergeant Terry Kaiser — annual retirement increase from $65,000 to $117,000 per year, if he wins;
- Commander Lonnie Heffington — $80,000 to $117,000;
- Cmdr. Mike Kanalakis — $72,000 to $117,000;
- Cmdr. Jim Cronin — $75,000 to $117,000;
- Sergeant Jim Scariot — $40,000 to $90,000;
- Investigator Steven Villegas — at 47, he cannot retire for three more years, but at 50, his rank would afford him an annual retirement of $49,000, which would jump to $109,200 if he becomes sheriff;
- Deputy Steve Sapiro — $25,000 to $70,000;
- District Attorney Chief Investigator Roque Ugale — $78,000 to $117,000.

Lonnie Heffington

And these figures could jump even more if county workers get raises in the next four years.

Fighting to get noticed

At this early stage in the campaign, each of the eight candidates is fighting to get noticed. Last week they appeared at a candidates' forum in King City and Dec. 11, they appeared for questioning by the rank and file of the Deputy Sheriffs Association at a forum in Spreckles.

Not surprisingly, nobody was campaigning on a platform of higher pay for deputies. In fact, several candidates remarked that the salaries in the sheriff's department are now very good.

"It would be easy to say deputies are never paid enough because of the work they do and the dangers they face," said Lonnie Heffington. "But we just got a brand new contract and made a giant leap forward. We are definitely competitive with other departments in our county and area. The contract says we will continue to be among the highest paid [law enforcement officers] in the county."

The new contract makes it likely that the job of Monterey County Sheriff will be a one-term deal from now on.

"Why would anyone run twice for sheriff?" asked a member of the department who did not want to be identified. "If you retire [after one term], you get 90 per-

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ALI

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the castle.'"

So Oliver Stone was out. Academy Award-nominated director/writer Michael Mann ("Heat," "The Insider") was in.

The former heavyweight champ, who lives in Michigan, starred as himself in the first movie bio, "I Am the Greatest."

To play the title role in "Ali," box office dynamo Will Smith received approximately $20 million, Caplin said.

"This film cost over $100 million. And another $100 million is being spent on publicity. It's mind-boggling."

The "Ali" executive producer has been involved in films for 20 years, in multiple capacities. He founded Picture Entertainment Corporation and received an Emmy for "The Old Man," a 1997 CBS-TV production. For a time Caplin was special assistant to the chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C. and served as U.S. Cultural Envoy to the People's Republic of China.

But the Caplin/Ali link goes back further still.

"I've known Ali since I was very young," he recalled. Caplin's father, Mortimer Caplin, was Commissioner of Internal Revenue during the JFK administration. Coincidentally, he was also NCAA light heavyweight champion in the 1930s. This combination of credentials seemed to intrigue Ali.

"When my father started his law firm that specialized in tax problems, leading the pack of clients was Muhammed Ali," Caplin said. "My dad saved him several million dollars in taxes. For a lot of the fighters, the situation wasn't so good. Joe Louis became a worldwide ambassador for goodwill, but he was in hock up to his ears. Ali was always wise to the ways of the world."

Cultural icon

The Caplins kept a farm in Virginia, and Ali acquired one also. As a youth, Caplin attended some Ali fights. To this day, Caplin's impression of the three-time world heavyweight champion is of a man "larger than life. He had that magnetism. This is a time when people are looking for heroes. He's a cultural icon. He's America's sports hero. He was able to walk in the middle of armed conflict and people would put down their guns. And he's a gentleman in the true sense of the word."

Caplin said "Ali" covers 10 dramatic years in the boxer's life — embracing events that are legendary to sports fans: the Thrilla in Manila, the Rumble in the Jungle, and includes his on-air sparring with sports telecaster Howard Cosell.

"Ali was very concerned that people deal with his private and religious life in an upstanding and judicious manner," Caplin stated. "The film is rated R, and I think that's because the sport of boxing is itself violent."

Smith had a lot of sweating to do to get ready for his starring role. "He gained 55 pounds for 'Ali,' but it's all muscle. He looks more slender than Ali, but he walks with an aura of great confidence," Caplin noted.

Parkinson's Disease has left its mark on Ali. The champion who was noted for speaking in rhyme before a fight now talks and moves with difficulty.

PHOTO/ANNE PAPINEAU

Daniel Caplin (left) attends eighth grade at Robert Louis Stevenson. His dad, Lee Caplin, is a multi-faceted businessman who served as executive producer of "Ali," opening nationwide Dec. 25.

"The events in this film take place 30 years ago, but when you quote him, he sounds very contemporary. A lot of people think of Ali as the first rapper," he added.

The Hollywood premiere of "Ali" took place Dec. 12 at Mann's Chinese Theater in the heart of Hollywood. Caplin attended with his his son, RLS eighth grader Daniel. Mrs. Caplin preferred to pass on the glitzy happening.

The Caplins reside in Carmel Woods and the community so impressed his parents that they bought a house on Dolores Street.

Earlier this year Lee's father, Mortimer Caplin, was awarded the Thomas Jefferson Medal in Law at the University of Virginia, where he was a visiting professor in tax law for 22 years.

During the ceremony, Law School Dean Robert Scott stated "Mortimer Caplin has done it all."

His son Lee is surely a contender for that title.

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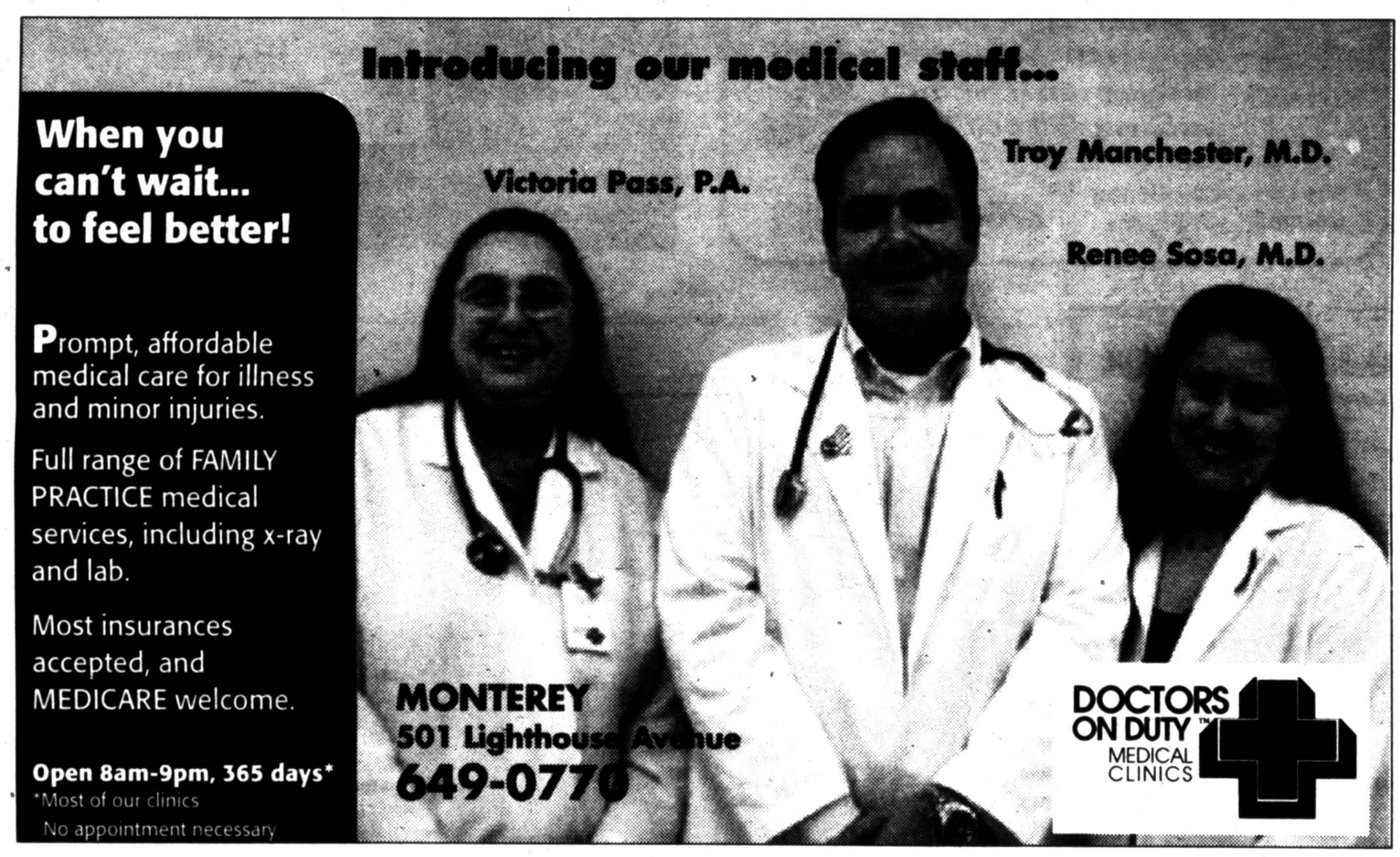
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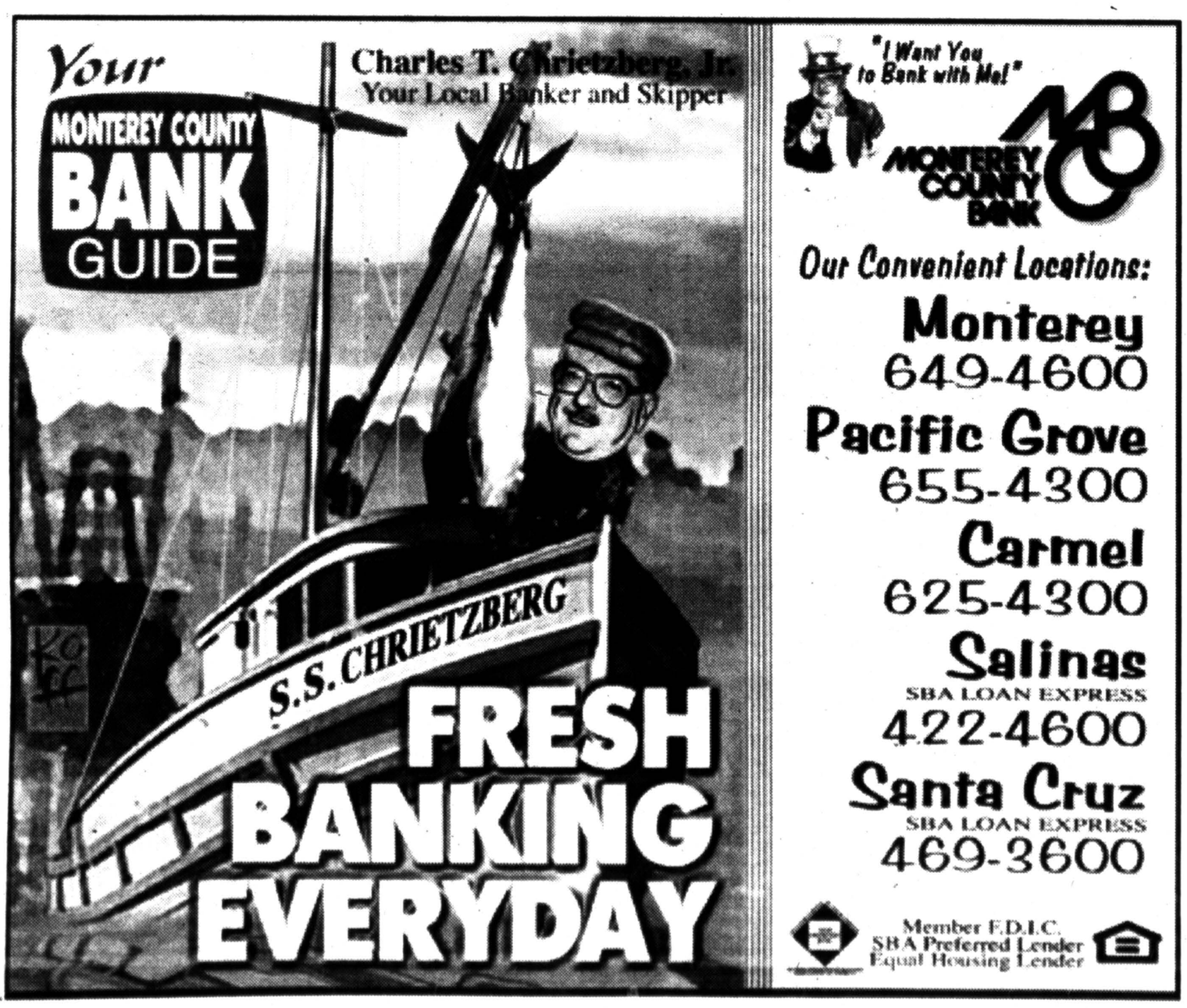

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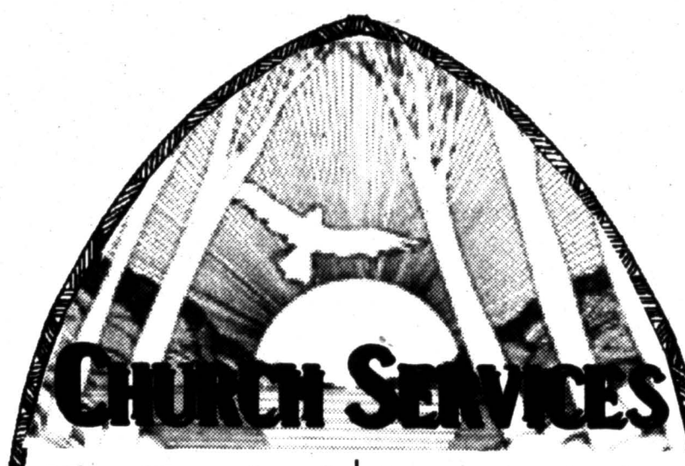

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CPUC: Plan B will be late

By MARY BROWNFIELD

PLAN B — the California Public Utility Commission's list of $153 million worth of water supply projects designed as an alternative to the Carmel River Dam and Reservoir project — is almost done, according to CPUC project manager Richard Tom. A final draft was supposed to be submitted to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District by the end of the year, but now that target is mid-to-late January.

"Basically our contractor is working on developing responses to comments received at the last public meetings in October" and about 20 letters received by the CPUC, Tom said.

The most recent incarnation of Plan B released in August includes a combination of underground water storage, desalination, treating and reusing wastewater, and obtaining legal rights to some of the water already being pumped from the Carmel River. Combined, the projects would make up a shortfall of 10,730 acre-feet a year which a 1995 state order said Cal-Am could no longer legally pump.

Plan B has taken more than three years to complete at a cost of $1.75 million to taxpayers and Cal-Am ratepayers.

"These things always seem to take longer," Tom said. "I thought it would have been done by now, but the comments were pretty substantial."

Once complete and submitted to the water district by the CPUC, the report will be subjected to environmental review as an alternative to the dam and reservoir project.

LCP

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Roseth said the city resurrected its LCP efforts in the mid-1990s, taking on the design traditions project, new commercial design guidelines, a forest and beach master plan and other documents.

Jim Wright spoke against several elements of the LCP, including the new commercial design guidelines that allow for additional height and density and the "track three" process in the new design traditions project that allows people to make their case for unique designs that don't conform to city regulations.

Sheryl MacKenzie, the government affairs director for the Monterey County Association of Realtors, endorsed the land use plan and thanked the city for policies that encourage second floor apartments and give highest priority for water to residential use.

Councilwoman Barbara Livingston voted against adopting the LCP because it changes the law to allow the rental of 251 subordinate units in Carmel (see story on page one) and because she believes the historic preservation program is weak.

The finished LCP is the end product of 137 public meetings held since January 1997 — including 32 in front of the city council, 43 planning commission hearings, and numerous meetings held by the forest and beach commission, historic preservation committee and beach task force.

"This is not a fly-by-night operation or a quick fix," said councilman Gerard Rose. "It's been tortuous but productive."

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Prop 42 could mean millions more for county roads

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CALIFORNIA VOTERS will decide March 5 whether to make permanent a temporary move by California Governor Gray Davis to use taxes paid at the gas pump for road and transportation programs, according to Monterey County Public Works Director Lew Bauman. The county currently receives $1.5 million to $2 million in gas taxes for its road repair program — money that could be counted on in the future if voters approve Proposition 42.

While the 7.25 percent gas tax was originally designated to flow from payments at the pumps to the state general fund, Gov. Davis' congestion relief program called for most of that money to go toward transportation projects instead. Assembly Bill 2928 — passed last year — established the shift for five years, but for it to stick, it must be approved by voters.

"Proposition 42 will come up in the March election and the electorate can decide whether the monies should go to the state for other purposes or to transportation," Bauman said. The Proposition does not include an increase in taxes, he said.

The proposition would earmark 40 percent of gas tax funds for the state transportation improvement program and give 20 percent to the counties, 20 percent to the cities and 20 percent for public transportation.

While Bauman cannot weigh in with his opinion on the measure, he said the county could use the money for chip sealing and overlays on the thousands of miles in the county road system.

"What we really need is $10 million to $20 million a year, but the gas tax money would certainly help," he said.

If voters approve Proposition 42, the state would probably try to replace it in its gener-

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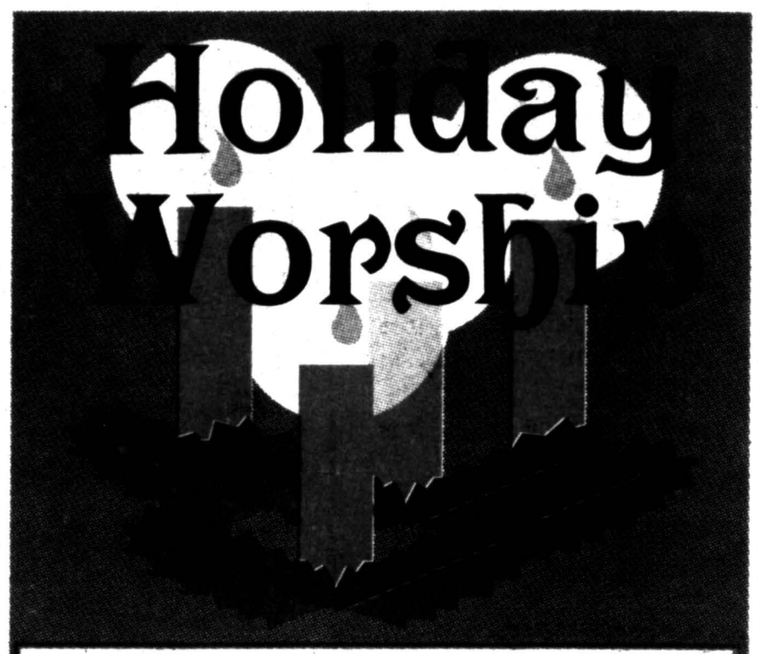

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THREE YEARS LATER, SHELLOOES STILL STYMIED

By MARY BROWNFIELD

APPROVALS OF the Sea Urchin and Periwinkle cottages on Scenic Road stalled again last week after the Carmel Forest and Beach Commission received a letter the afternoon of Dec. 5 — less than 24 hours before its meeting — protesting the fact that a 20-inch diameter branch would be removed from a Monterey cypress tree on the property to allow for construction of a garage and a second-level bedroom and bath.

According to Fenton & Keller attorney David Sweigert, representing San Antonio Avenue residents Kay and Pres Minnick, the application to trim the tree "is inappropriate given that a coastal development permit has not been issued for the proposed [home] construction."

Sweigert also said removal of the tree would violate the Coastal Act and "impair the city's ability to complete" its Local Coastal Program. He charged the application requires environmental review under CEQA.

The forest and beach commission decided to delay its decision on the tree removal until the issues in the letter could be addressed. The item has been rescheduled for Jan. 3.

"I think the concern is whenever we get a multi-page letter the day of the meeting, staff hasn't had the opportunity to review it and red flags go up," said acting planning director Chip Rerig. "Are there some issues staff needs to discuss among themselves?"

Had the letter arrived a few days earlier, Rerig said, the hearing could have been held.

"If we'd had a couple of days to review it, we could have fired something off. I had the chance to read it but not to delve into it, to spend the time necessary to walk through the issues raised."

The delay is the latest in the long history of Bill and Mary Lou Shellooe's quest to build a new home on their property, which Rerig first discussed with them in November 1998.

They submitted an application to the city in January 1999. Following completion of an Environmental Impact Report — which determined the structures could be considered historic resources — the city held several hearings and the planning commission overrode the EIR, decided the homes were not historic and granted the Shellooes permission to demolish

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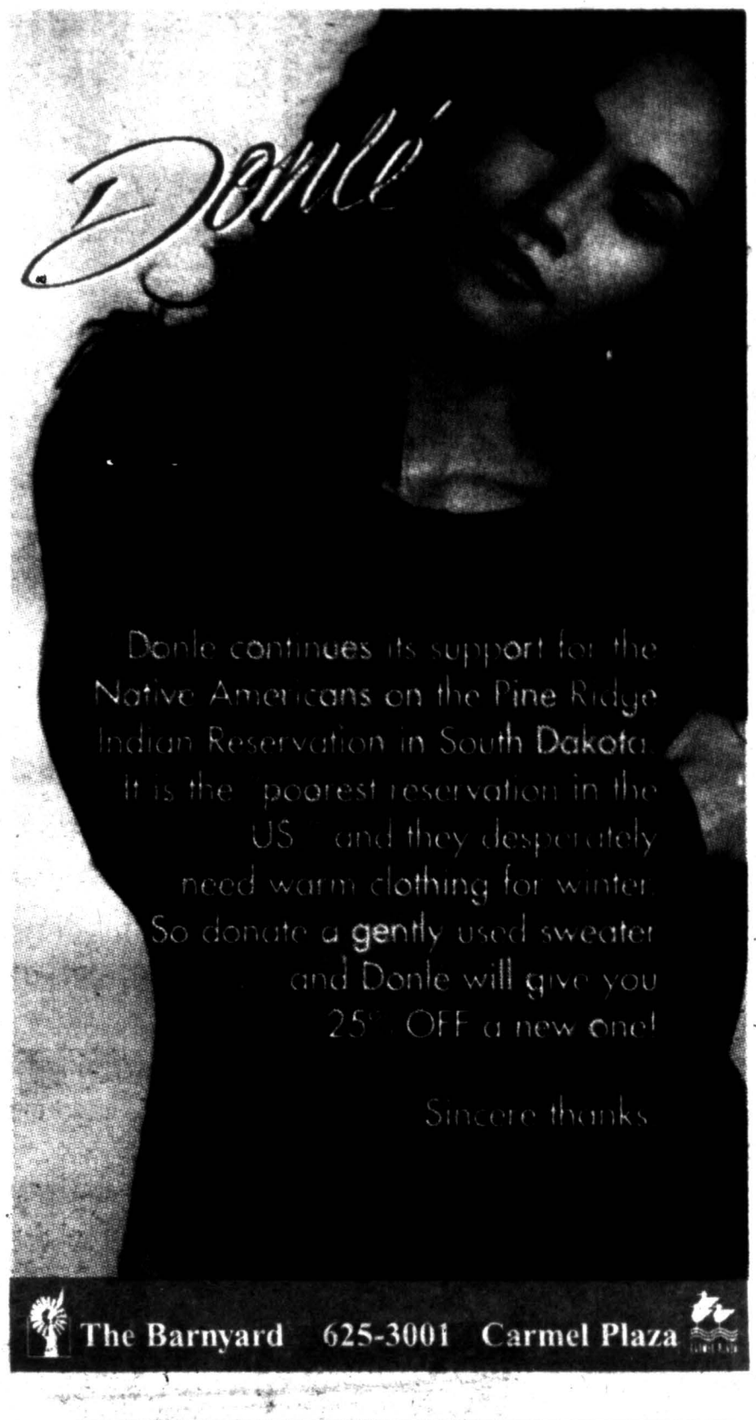
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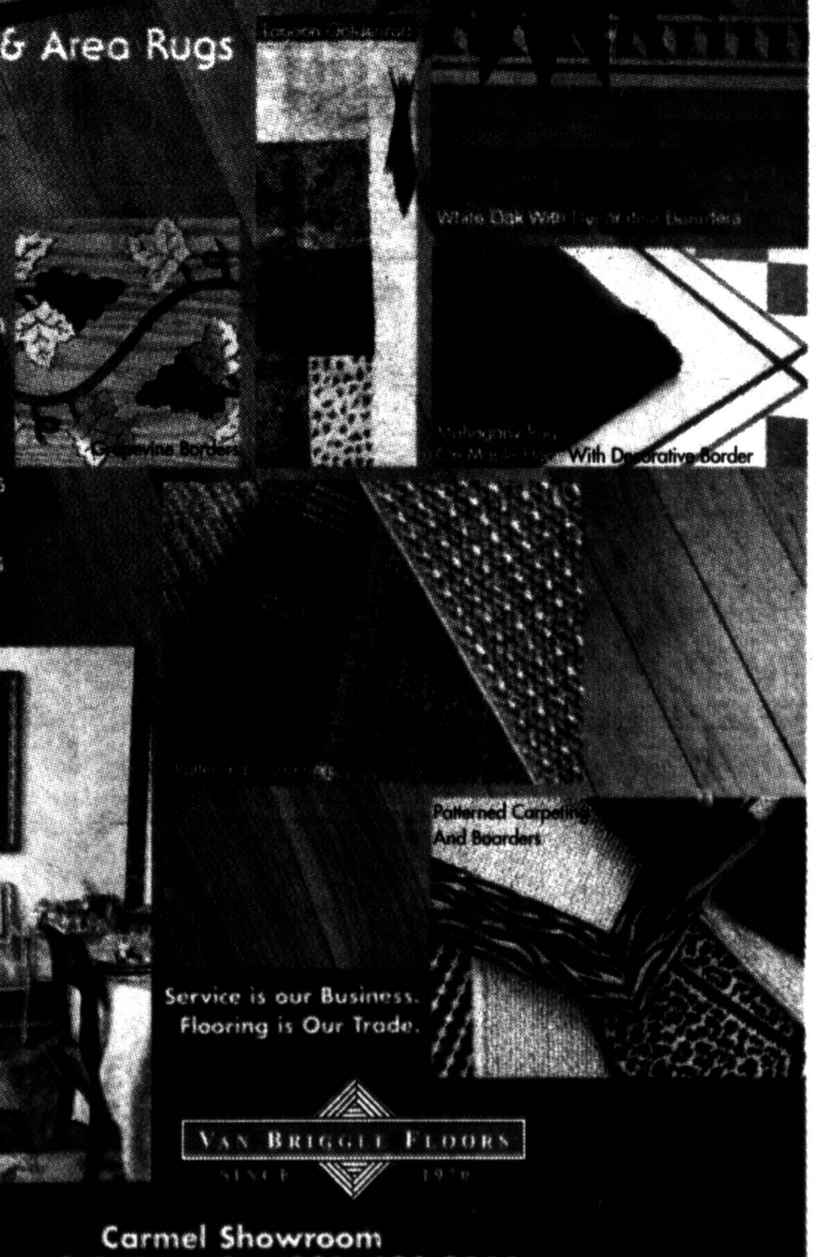

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RAISES

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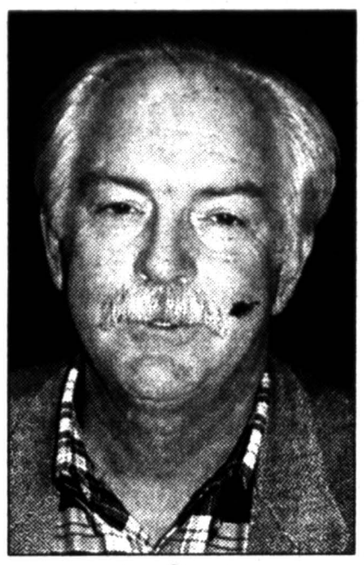
cent of your salary" and you get to go fishing or take another job. During your second term, your pay would stay at 100 percent, the deputy said, but "you have to endure all the scrutiny and headaches of being the sheriff. Why would you bother for 10 percent?"

Years ago, when the maximum retirement in the department was 75 percent of the officer's last salary rank, it made sense for a sheriff to continue working for years. But now, thanks to the new contract approved by Monterey County supervisors in September, veterans of the department are certainly tempted to retire even as young as 50, since many qualify for 90 percent of their pay after their leave the job.



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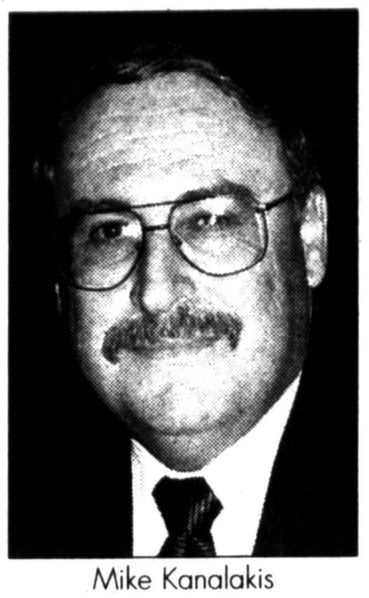

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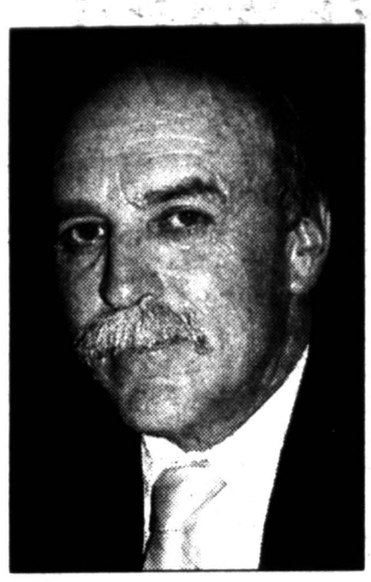

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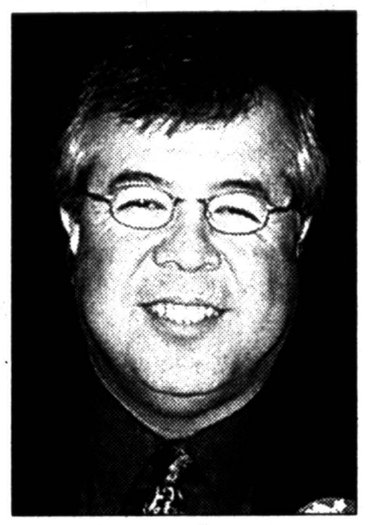

Steve Villegas

One of the candidates, Investigative Sergeant Terry Kaiser, told the deputies an out-of-control budget is the biggest problem the department faces now.

"The one thing I have to say is the next sheriff has to make tough decisions that you may not like. We have an obligation to the taxpayers of this county to get a grip on the budget. We have shortage of personnel now, and when more of us retire, there will be more openings. We will have to account for every dime that comes in and every dime that goes out."

Ironically, despite the top-of-the-line salaries at the department now, the sheriff can't seem to attract new employees. There are currently at least 20 openings for deputies.

Ironically, despite the top-of-the-line salaries at the department now, the sheriff can't seem to attract new employees to fill many vacancies.

Deputy Steven Sapiro said the biggest problem the department faces is how to recruit.

"Short staffing in both bureaus [the jail and patrol] is our biggest problem," he said. "My immediate objective as sheriff would be to fill staff vacancies — Patrol Division needs at least 12 more deputies and corrections needs at least 20."

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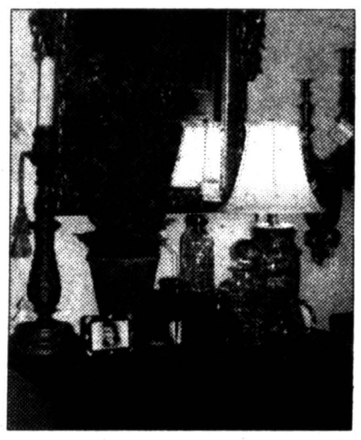

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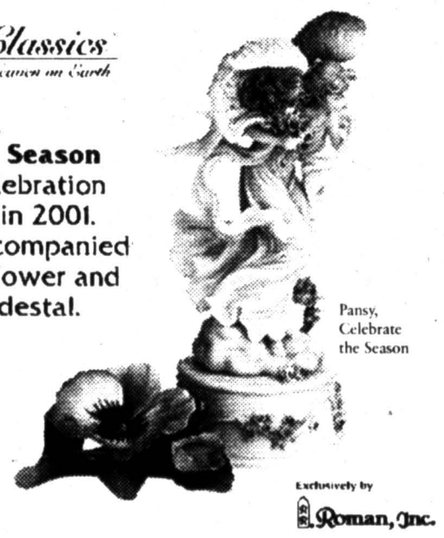

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REWARD

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Scenic Road pathway at Santa Lucia were burned to the ground sometime around midnight Nov. 18.

Police and fire officials consider the fire suspicious but have found no evidence of arson at the scene, according to CPD Detective Sgt. Terry Chandler.

"Obviously it's an open investigation — there's nothing yet to show that a crime has been committed," he said. "The fire is suspicious in nature — there's no evidence, no witnesses, nothing's come forward at this point."

The fire could have been set by a transient taking refuge from the wind and who could have started a campfire that got out of control, Chandler suggested. "I'm not saying that's what happened. It may be arson, but we can't say for sure."

Carmel Beach Users hopes the reward money will bring forwar anyone who saw anything — an idea that Anderson has pitched to others in town.

"Everybody we talk to is in favor," he said. He's stopped taking contributions for the reward because the group believes $1,000 is enough incentive for someone to do the right thing.

"If anyone saw anything that night: vehicles in the area leaving the scene, people on the beach — we know there were some kids on the beach that night but we don't know who they were or what they saw," Chandler said. "If they could contact the police department, we could see if there's any information they could provide to open the investigation further."

While Anderson and the group hope their reward money will lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the porta-potty bonfire — if it was in fact a criminal act — they also want to see the restrooms replaced.

The temporary facilities were authorized without public hearings by Carmel Mayor Ken White in 1995, according to principal planner Brian Roseth.

Scenic Road resident Sidney Widrow has vowed to fight their replacement, but numerous city officials support replacing the porta-potties post haste.

"This is not a casual thing, because it's a valuable piece of public property, an important and necessary piece of public property," Anderson said. "Both the planning commission and the forest and beach commission have unanimously voted for the facility to be restored immediately. They don't want any bureaucratic lag in accomplishing that. We do want them replaced, and the sooner the better."

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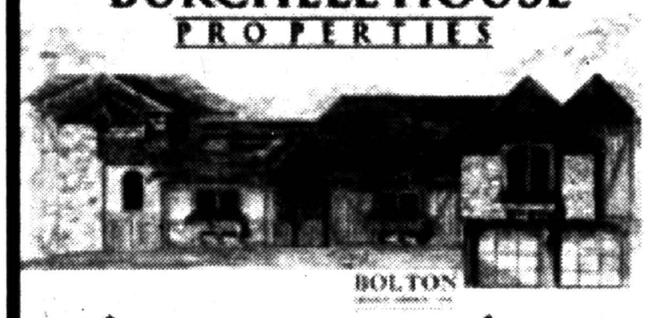

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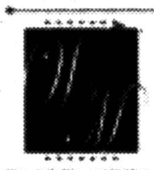

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Artist takes polyrhythmic paint swipes at Plexiglas

ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONIST artist **Dan Stephens** is a former jazz drummer, a painter who calls music a major inspiration behind his work. With a little help from his friends, Stephens has found an interesting way to bring art and music together. Saturday night (Dec. 15) at the Jazz & Blues Company, Stephens will perform "live" in collaboration with local jazz group, **Along Came Betty**.

Using his paint brushes like drum sticks, Stephens hits, swipes and spatters paint against Plexiglas, inspired by the improvised polyrhythmic music. His collaborators, ACB, are a popular local quintet of jazz musicians that came together in 1998 to honor the tradition of the great masters of the hard-bop movement of the late '50s and early '60s. The group, comprised of **Brian Stock** on trumpet and flugelhorn, **Stu Reynolds** on saxophones, **Biff Smith** on piano, **Pete Lips** on bass and **Patrick Tregenza** on drums, started off playing tunes by the likes of Horace Silver — music out of the book of Art Blakey's legendary band, the Jazz Messengers.

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The dreamchild of trumpeters **Corren Hileman** and **Mario Iglesias**, the 15 piece **S.R.O. Big Band**, is a diverse assortment of talented local musicians who get together every other Monday to play their favorite music from the '40s to present day. The group performs at Monterey's American Legion Post on Johnson Street on Monday, Dec. 17. S.R.O. plays a wide variety of musical styles, "from swing and tangos to foxtrots, sambas to showtunes, and salsa to straight-ahead jazz." Music starts at 8 p.m. A $5 donation is requested. Call 373-3720 for more information.

The Pebble Beach Company has for many years promoted jazz music and currently boasts a strong lineup at both the Inn at Spanish Bay's Lobby Lounge and at the Terrace Lounge at the Lodge at Pebble Beach. Performing weekly at the Inn at Spanish Bay from Thursday through Sunday is Brazilian percussionist **Helcio Milito** with a mixture of guest artists; on Tuesdays and Wednesdays Pebble Beach pianist **Jan Deneau** performs.

A resident of Del Monte Forest, Deneau has performed at the Lodge for more than two decades and has been featured on the main stage at the Monterey Jazz Festival where he once received a standing ovation for his salute to Erroll Garner.

At the Lodge at Pebble Beach, guitarist **Steve Ezzo** performs jazz and pop standards at the Terrace Lounge on Sunday and Monday; and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays pianists **Don Pendergrass and Martin Headman** perform, respectively. Headman, an honor student graduate of Boston's prestigious Berklee College of Music, has toured with the Brubeck Brothers and has performed with guitarist Russell Malone, bassist Kyle Eastwood, flutist Tim Wiseberg and the Chico Hamilton Quartet. Headman has also released four CDs of original music. For more details on performances call 624-3811.

Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

At Sly McFly's on Cannery Row, Santa Cruz blues diva **Sista Monica** is throwing a Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 22. One of the most popular and dynamic blues artists on the international scene today, Sista Monica is a blues party waiting to happen. Having just returned from a mini tour in Hawaii, Monica performs in Monterey before taking off on an extended European tour. A gospel trained singer Monica delivers her message with soul and conviction. San Jose blues artist **John Garr** kicks off the party at 7:30 p.m. Call 649-8050.

Italy recalled in Wasserman solo December show at CAA

"ITALIAN REMINISCENCES" by artist Gerald Wasserman will be shown in a solo show at the Carmel Art Association through Jan. 2 in the Center Gallery.

The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except major holidays. For information, call 624-6176 or visit the CAA website at www.carmelart.org.

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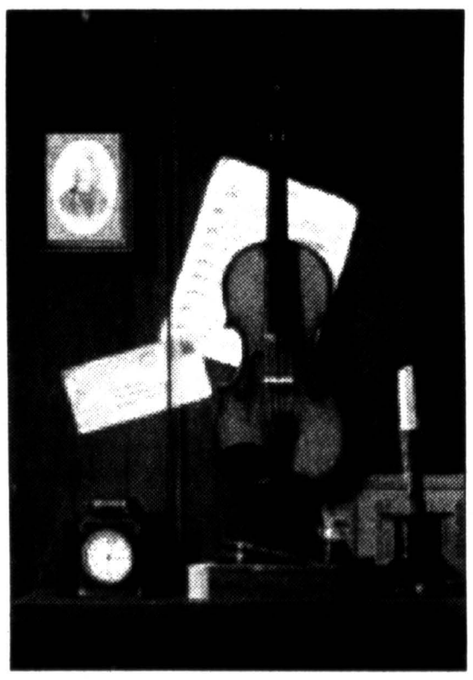

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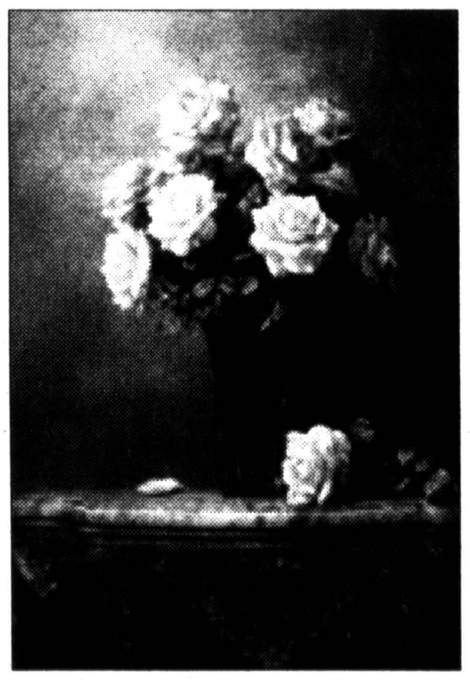

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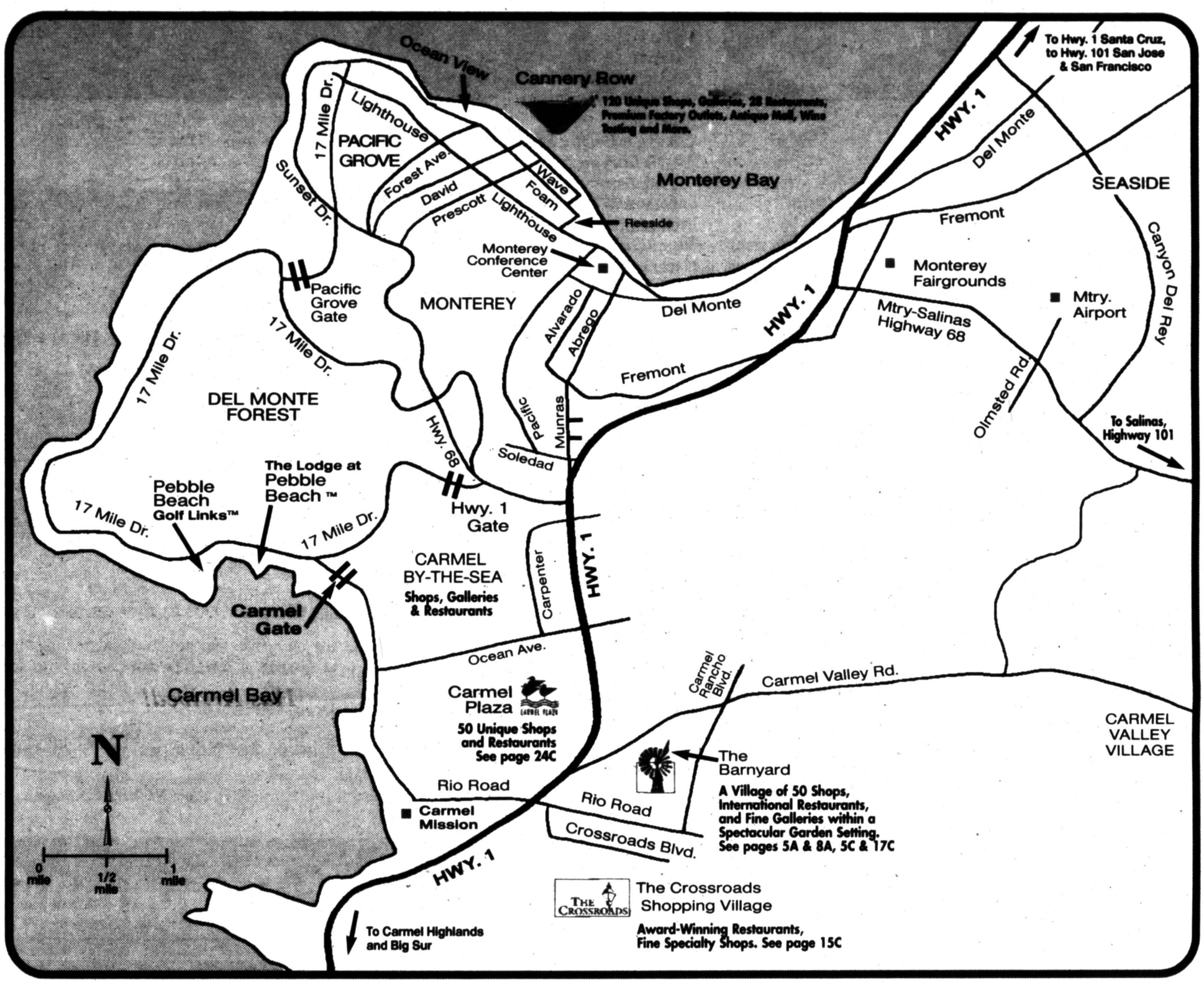

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Mysteries of the universe discussed at Stars & Moon dinner

THE FIFTH annual Stars & Moon Constellation dinner will be held at Quail Meadows commencing at 5 p.m. tonight, Friday, Dec. 14, with hors d'oeuvres and warm drinks by the patio fire. A buffet dinner follows at 6:30.

"Top Ten Modern Mysteries of the Universe" is the theme of astronomy educators Kim Cohen and Jim Eagle of the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA), who will bring their telescopes and expertise to guide viewers in identifying the astral bodies of the winter sky.

"There has never been a better time to view Saturn," Cohen said, "and Mars will be spectacular, also."

Repeating last year's experience, guests will be able to see these images in 3-D viewers.

For information, call 620-8886 for information and directions to Quail Meadows off Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, and to reserve a place at the telescopes.

PHOTO/GREGG WUTKE

WHAT: Dance Kids of Monterey County in final performances of "The Nutcracker." Pictured (from left): Kyle Stelzreid, Michael Torre, Dominic Pinnicini, Diana Delcambre and (lying down) Jake Laub.
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-16
WHERE: Golden Bough Playhouse, Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth, Carmel
COST: $18 adults; $13 children, seniors, military
INFO/RESERVATIONS: 373-7300

La Posada celebrates Monterey's Mexican heritage

A TRADITIONAL "Posada," a candlelight procession that recreates Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem, will be celebrated beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 at the Monterey Conference Center, 1 Portola Plaza, Monterey.

The event will be highlighted by a mariachi band that will lead the public to historic adobes where carols will be sung. Bring the whole family, along with procession candles for adults and flashlights for children.

La Posada is free. Info: 646-3866.

Sing we Christmas

WHAT: Sal Ferrantelli (right) directs I Cantori di Carmel in "Sacred Music for the Christmas Season," featuring music by Bruckner, Faure, Poulenc, Mendelssohn and Dvorak
WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday through Monday, Dec. 15-17
WHERE: Carmel Mission Basilica
COST: $18 and $25
INFO/RESERVATIONS: 644-8012

CBA's Pitcher of Prosperity is passed along

WAS IT really surprising that all-around popular guy, jeweler **Kirkor Kocek** was this year's big winner of the Pitcher of Prosperity at **Carmel Business Association's Green Ribbon Awards** dinner? Held at La Playa, as usual, the evening gathered Kirkor's close-knit staff who cheered him on, including new apprentice, **Susan Elliott**, who was wearing a stylish necklace she had designed . . . Other proud winners were the Carmel Art Association, the Forest Theater Guild, Gem Restaurant, the Cypress Inn, Nielsen's Market, the Mitchell real estate group and the local Red Cross. Bravo! . . . CBA president **Larry Hoover** pointed to his green tie in honor of the green ribbons . . . Did you know that antique dealer **Maxine Klaput** has a huge silver flatware matching service with over 800 patterns in stock? Wow! . . . Pacific Repertory's **Stephen Moorer**, **Geoffrey Shlaes** and **Julie Hughett** have a big year coming up — their 20th anniversary, and they plan to pull out all the stops for it . . . **Dixie Smith** was excited over the news that her son, currently at law school in New Orleans, was spending a semester in Austria . . . Alain Pinel's **Marge Fiorenza** chatted with handsome couple **Kurt Grasing & Christina Chin**. Others seen there were Saks' **Catherine Bartels**, and Adam Fox's **Carroll Fergusson** (her Xmas catalog is so cool!)

Kurt Grasing and fiancée Christina Chin looked great at the CBA Green Ribbon Awards dinner.

PHOTOS/SISSI MALEKI

Looks like a footwear showdown between Amy Funt and Jean Hurd at MCAP's Feast for AIDS.

Dina Eastwood looked ravishing at MCAP's Feast for AIDS, and husband Clint seems to think so, too!

■ Feast for AIDS a banquet of laughter

Monterey County AIDS Project's annual **Feast for AIDS** at the DoubleTree was anything but boring. Besides the food that always requires serious diet prepping, between emcee **Peter Funt's** very droll humor and entertainer **Gregg Franks'** wild impersonations, guests laughed 'til their sides hurt . . . **Dina Eastwood**, in a sexy black lace gown, was honorary co-chair, along with **Dr. Rodney Voisine**. Dina's hubby **Clint** made a very brief appearance, and Peter was sure it was because Clint wanted to watch "Candid Camera." Actually, Clint doesn't seem to rest much, regardless of the awards he gets. The next few months will see him directing and acting in "Bloodwork," a suspense mystery, and directing another one, Mystic River . . . **Amy Funt**, sitting with banker **Stewart Fuller** & wife **Shane**, wore a storybook princess dress picked out by her 12-year-old. Such talent! But what a prospect for the wallet — ouch! . . . **Jean Hurd** scared her friends to death at her table — **Wyatt Miller, Dave Askew, Pat Ward, Michael Helmes & Bob Shuler** — by showing up really late at the dinner. Turns out she had forgotten her speech as auction chair . . . Bob, a landscape designer, is working on a five-year project doing the gardens at Greene & Greene's James House in the Highlands . . . MCAP's board president, **Dean Wentworth**, is an Australian investment banker who moved here to be midway between his businesses in Europe and

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Kirkor Kocek, who went on to win CBA's Pitcher of Prosperity for best business at the Green Ribbon Awards dinner, is seen here chatting with his apprentice, Susan Elliott. She designed the necklace she's wearing.

. . . AND BY THE WAY . . .

Pine Needles

By Sissi Maleki

EVERY MORNING when I look at my e-mail, I'm reminded of the old Westerns I used to watch.

I specifically recall scenes where the good guys would barricade themselves in a shack and start shooting through the few tiny apertures left.

Unbeknownst to them, some bad guys would start torching different corners of the thatched roof.

And the good guys, taken by surprise, outnumbered, and still unable to see where the bad guys are so they can-shoot them, soon find themselves running to and fro, trying to put out the flames dropping from above.

Well, I know I'm the good guy.

And to the best of my knowledge, I have protected myself against junk mail with every possible filter and alias one can use.

But for the life of me, I still can't figure out how "they" are still getting through my defenses.

From "the 2000-year-old bread recipe that helps you lose weight" (could it involve food poisoning?) to the "cutey" who has 'an unmentionable "you can bounce a quarter off of," (I honestly never went anywhere even remotely related to this!), the topics have long since exhausted my sense of humor.

Now, remind me again — how did those Westerns end?

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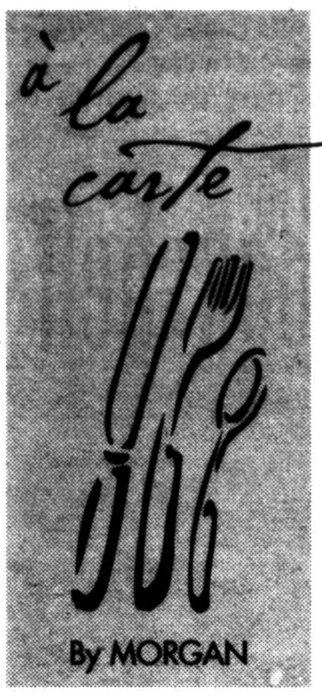
Lobster bisque puzzles Morgan, but blue nose bass delights

IF YOU were a patron of Carmel-by-the-Sea's Sans Souci restaurant during its long run here, and someone dropped you blindfolded into its successor, Lincoln Court restaurant, you would be hard-pressed to recognize the place when the blindfold was removed.

The entrance has been moved further up the court; partitions have been employed to break up the dining areas; black carpeting and black-gold Dupioni weave draperies flank the windows; mirrors enlarge spaces that have been partitioned off; and the foyer is made elegant with a stunning Venetian mirror and wall sconces. The mirror is one of only three legacies from San Souci. The others are the main dining area chandelier and the fireplace.



The former front door, now closed off, serves as a background for plaques of prestigious organizations: *Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, Les Toques Blanches*, American Culinary Federation, California Restaurant Association, American Institute of Wine and Food, and other affiliations of chef/owner Wendy Brodie.

Host/owner Robert Bussinger welcomes patrons. Our party of three was given a very good table in the lower main area, so that two of us could enjoy a view of the fireplace. The waitstaff, attired in banded neckline black shirts and black trousers, is highly professional, never obtrusive, and friendly — as opposed to Sans Souci's rather haughty waitstaff during its last year.

The menu, too, bears no relation to that of Sans Souci's, being now a "creative interpretation of the classics in the California style."

We were each treated to a delightful *amuse bouche,* composed so beautifully we wish we had a photo to show our readers: A black Chinese porcelain soup spoon, mounted on its rest, cradled a tiny amount of crème fraîche — much too small to be described as a dollop — with a few grains of American sturgeon black caviar, and one larger golden salmon roe in the middle (it looked like an infinitesimal fried egg), and house-cured gravlax were rolled into a small, rolled bundle holding tissue-paper thin cucumber and Chardonnay-marinated onion, all tied with a chive tail. It was delicious.

My dinner companions bypassed a first course in order to indulge in individual chocolate-orange marble Grand Marnier soufflés for dessert ($18 for two, which had to be ordered in advance), but we commenced our dinner with a dish we had been longing for: Lincoln Court lobster bisque ($9.50).

We were surprised, then, when our first spoonful tasted like sweet pumpkin soup enhanced with nutmeg, and only learned later from Bob Bussinger the soup had a puréed squash base.

Were our taste buds off for some reason? Our dining companions each dipped in their spoons, and also said the predominant quality was sweetness, which masked or overshadowed any lobster essence that might have been there. Perhaps the pantry chef was overly generous that evening with the sherry. The soup was tasty, although certainly not the taste we had been anticipating.

Other appetizers run from $8 (chilled Castroville artichoke; four chilled oysters on the half shell) to $13 for *foie gras deux fois* (seared French *fois gras* and chilled *fois gras terrine*).

Warm popovers are served with dinner, rather than bread.

Our entrée orders were diverse: One friend ordered sautéed veal sweetbreads ($28) and opted for the caramelized shallot Marsala cream sauce with wild mushrooms, rather than the olive oil, garlic, lemon, white wine sauce. She thought the sherry sauce a bit too sweet. It was served with a Peruvian purple potato and roasted baby vegetables. The sweetbreads went well with a Frogs Leap Sauvignon Blanc, which was one of a number of excellent wines to be offered by the glass or by the fifth. The wine list is a discriminating choice of excellent wines — mostly California and French.

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Our other companion ordered roast pheasant ($28), a dish not often seen on local menus, which was served atop a potato pancake and surrounded with various tiny roasted vegetables.

Our order of blue-nose sea bass — with a melange of fava, cannellini and black beans — was perfectly executed: seared, then roasted in the oven. This is our all-time favorite purist preparation of almost any fish. Fish is so simple to cook in this manner at home, and if it's basted with brown butter while it's roasting in a hot oven, its true flavor and texture is preserved.

The elegant simplicity of the *amuse bouche* did not carry through to the entrées. Each was served in the well of an extremely large *minestre* plate. Entrées were surrounded by tiny vegetables or beans in sauces and while these were unusual accompaniments, the presentation detracted from the entrées themselves.

Other offerings include prime rib ($27), Sonoma duck ($27.50), roasted loin of lamb ($28.50), filet mignon ($29) and vegetarian creations of the day ($21.50).

All around us, diners, in groups of two to eight (the latter in the separate, mirrored room) were dining happily in this restaurant that has been open now for 10 months. We learned later that 85 percent of Lincoln Court's patronage is by locals — a fine portent for longevity.

It was time for the soufflés: Morgan watched while they were served in medium sized ramekins, the waiter opening the top of each of the nicely risen desserts, then carefully pouring in a warm chocolate Anglaise sauce. An extra spoon allowed Morgan to participate in this lovely concoction. We all pronounced it excellent.

Other desserts on the list run from $6.50 for homemade sorbet and ice cream to $10 for an R. Kent Torrey four cheese plate.

Chef/owner Wendy Brodie does the menu in collaboration with Michael Bussinger (Bob's son, and Wendy's stepson), drawing on her creativity and 20 years of chefing expertise. While Chef Wendy is involved daily in the kitchen, working all the stations from pantry to line, Michael now is the official executive chef. He comes to Lincoln Court from Seattle where he was executive chef at Pasta Bella, and sous chef in Hotel Monaco's Sazerac restaurant, but he started out in his teens as a buser at the old Sans Souci. He has come full circle.

Bob Bussinger brings to Lincoln Court years of experience in hotel and restaurant management. He was general manager of Ventana Inn for almost 20 years. Long-time Carmel residents will remember that back in 1970 he opened Esperanto, a Bohemian style coffee house in Sunset Cultural Center, which he later expanded into a restaurant he operated until 1974.

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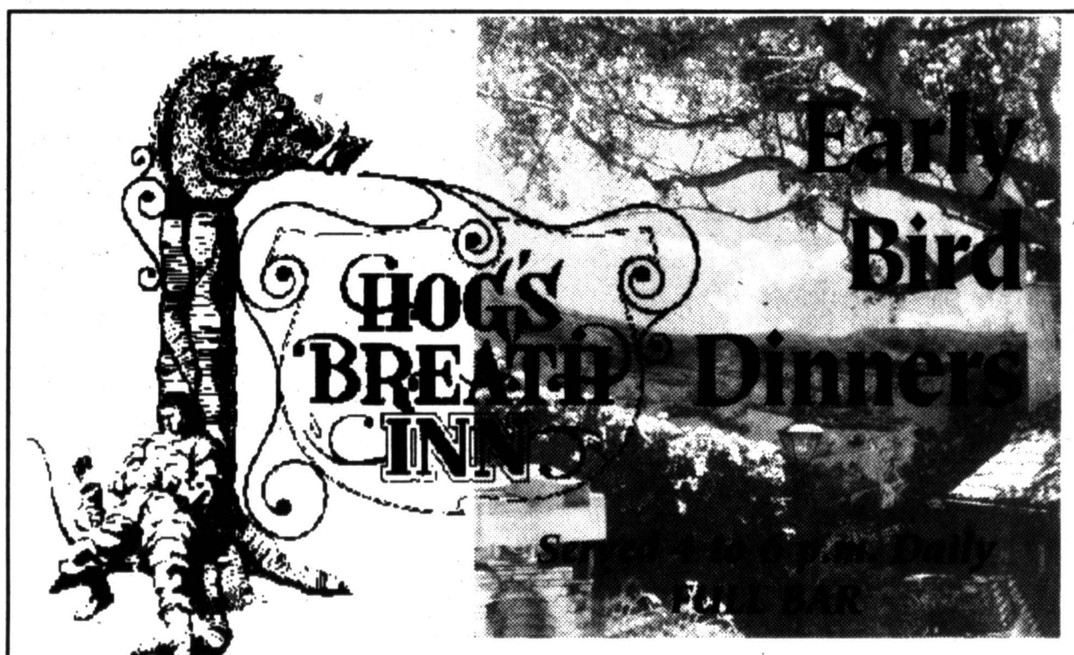

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Border town exile's tortured life beautifully narrated by first-time author

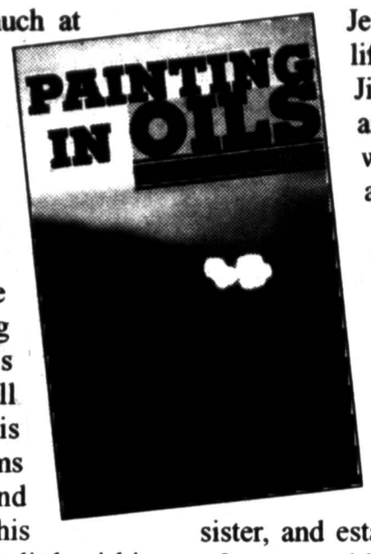
"PAINTING IN Oils" by **Jack Berry** is a first novel of some promise.

Berry writes with a natural skill and clarity familiar to readers of, say, Steinbeck and Hemingway. Every word is right.

The protagonist is Jim Gatlin, a former professor of art, who has fallen on seedy times in the southwestern Texas border town of Del Rio where he ekes out a living selling his drawings and prints. He makes frequent forays into cheap bars in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, just a drive over the border, where he drinks too much. He drinks too much at home, too, and at the home of his friend, a dying doctor who is the one stable relationship he manages to maintain.

Jim is a man so haunted by the the past he can't close his eyes at night without reliving in nightmares the horrors he has endured — no matter how much he drinks before sleeping.

He has exiled himself from his former home in Illinois after being exonerated in the shooting deaths of his wife and small daughter. His lacerating dreams replay over and over the act of his wife killing their little girl in front of him, then turning the gun on herself, committing suicide.



In his first year of exile, the dying doctor pulls Jim through a bad bout of flu, then becomes his touchstone with the sane world. The doctor urges Jim to put aside his drawings and printmaking and instead, paint in oils. "Great artists paint in oils," the doctor tells him.

Mixed into the plot is a Jesus Martinez, an ex-Marine who enters Jim's life when he lifts the front end of a Toyota from Jim's leg after a mishap with a slipped car jack, and Lamar, a naive, easily-bedded young woman he meets on a trip to his father's funeral in Tennessee.

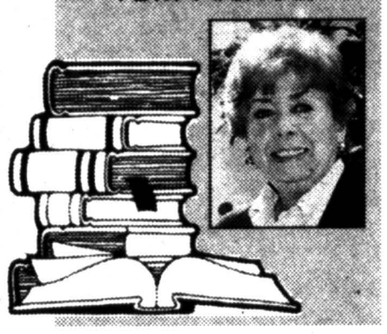
Among his family again, other, terrible old wounds are reopened, and Lamar's crazed husband comes after them with a gun.

Jim and Lamar survive the attempts on their lives, Jim is reunited spiritually with his mother and sister, and establishes a sort of truce with his sadistic brother. Once back in Del Rio, the reader has the feeling that Jim may begin painting in oils.

The book is a very good read. It is written by Jack Berry, a pen name for Carmelite Bill Atkins. The 176-page book is published by Writers Club Press (San Jose, New York, Lincoln, Shanghai), and retails for $14.95 in paperback. It is available through iUniverse, which bills itself as "the most

The Bookshelf

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS



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NEEDLES

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Australia . . . Heart Association director **Cindy Weigelt** couldn't say enough about the graphic skills of **Madeleine Clark** of Western Graphics. "I have sent her work all over the U.S.," Cindy said . . . **William Smith** has a new boss these days — his wife. Really. **Loretta** left her law firm to become **William's** managing broker in his real estate business. No chance for hanky panky there! . . . Wedded bliss is in the cards for newlyweds **Suzette & Landon Hoffman**, who tied the knot Thanksgiving weekend. Landon owns the McDonald's franchises in this region . . . **Steve & Natalie Truman** were still in a state of shock just after having had their SUV stolen from in front of their house, on San Carlos in Carmel. Having recently moved from Las Vegas, it's been a rough period. Natalie lost her aunt and uncle on Flight 93. Ironically, when Natalie made a follow-up call hoping for some news, she got a cop who had trouble believing her car had been stolen. "He told me, 'Maybe it was repossessed,' and then, 'Are you sure it wasn't towed?'" Not a bad reflection of where we live! . . . **Amy McAfee** couldn't find a red dress she liked so she designed one and had it made. With her hubby **Michael** joking that he got to pay for it, their friends **Kevin & Evelyn Smith** quipped that Michael was "arm candy with the checkbook and an attitude!" My! Have times changed! . . . **Mary Ann Leffel** & hubby **Hal**, a contractor, chatted with Hal's clients, **Don & Pinky Eastman**, recently of Los Angeles. Don, an attorney, moved here to retire but, he joked, "I had to go back to work to pay Hal for the remodel!" Mary Ann rolled her eyes at the adventures she's gone through, courtesy of Hal. "I came home one day and was met by my mother-in-law who told me, 'My dear, I didn't know you were going to knock down a wall!' at which I replied, 'Neither did I!'" . . . Others seen were board member **Jeff Merritt, Guy Blodgett, Kathleen Cain, Anya & Alex Yeager, Craig Reimers,** CHOMP's CEO **Dr. Steve Packer** & wife **Ann, Liz Lorenzi and Dr. Stuart Paul** of SVMH, **Karen MacDonald, Jeuna Reynolds, Dr. Dawn Motyka** of KUSP's "Health Matters", former board member **Don Hanson &** KSBW's **Sue Clark, Margaret Lowe** and **Valerie Kazansky**.

BOOKSHELF

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The authors who will participate are: **Patrice Vecchione, "Writing and the Spiritual Life"** and two volumes of poetry; **Shirley Rousseau Murphy**, whose latest mystery in her Joe Grey, Private Eye series is **"Cat Laughing Last,"** and **"Cat Spitting Mad,"** now out in paperback; **Thom Akeman, "Monterey Peninsula Cypress Shore"** with photographer **Gary Geiger**; **Paul Fleischman, "Seek"** and other young adult books; **Angie** and **Bob Irvine**, with their **Val Davis** mystery series, including **"The Return of the Spanish Lady"**; **Hans Lehman, "How to Lose Friends"**; and **Nancy Baker Jacobs**, with her most recent novel, **"Double or Nothing."**

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Maurice Anthony O'Meara was poet laureate of France in 1983. He earned his Ph.D. in French literature at the University of Iowa, and during his 43 year teaching career, has taught French, Spanish and Latin. O'Meara has said of poetry, "It is the wonder of passion and pain set to the music of words that sing."

Iskandar Soekardi, with a degree in English and creative writing from San Francisco State University, well known for his many public poetry readings here and up and down the West Coast, will also read from his works. He can be heard on the show "Fez" on Radio KAZU 90.3 FM with his insights into Islamic poetry

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OPINION

Editorial

How permits got so complicated

THE IDEA that you need government permission to do the smallest thing on your own property has become so much a part of 21st Century California that anyone could be forgiven for believing that things were always this way. But they weren't.

The roots of the modern, ubiquitous permit system are in the plentiful evergreen forests of North America. Unlike their European forefathers, who mainly used stone and brick to build their homes, schools and churches, early settlers of the United States primarily used wood, which was inexpensive and easy to work — but which also readily burned, frequently roasting the people it was supposed to shelter. In the 18th Century, structure fires killed hundreds of Americans each year. Soon, every town needed a fire department; fire insurance become commonplace, and a whole field of expertise was invented to devise methods of construction to make wooden homes less hazardous to the people living in them.

Thus, early "building codes" were written that required chimneys, wiring and other components of a home to meet minimum safety standards. Chicago adopted its first, very brief building code in 1837. By the late 1800s, across the nation, communities had begun to require permits before buildings could be constructed — mainly to protect the occupants.

But still, there was no attempt to control *what* you could build on your land. Not until 1926, in the case Euclid vs Ambler, did the U.S. Supreme Court decide that zoning — restricting types of buildings to certain parts of a town — was constitutional.

Since that day, zoning and permit requirements have become more complex every year, as the government has taken control of more and more aspects of home ownership. Nowadays, seemingly nothing is outside the government's grasp. Even the current U.S. Supreme Court — widely decried by environmentalists as being too protective of property rights — has actually affirmed that property owners have no rights, except the right to get some economic benefit from their land.

It has reached the point where, as Monterey County Planning Director Scott Henessey noted last month, some projects in Monterey County have been approved with more than 200 permit conditions! It's no wonder that his office has trouble ensuring compliance with all those conditions.

The ever increasing scope of government regulation is ironic, considering the economic freedom and respect for private property are the essential underpinnings of American prosperity. There's no putting the genie back in the bottle. But it would be nice if the occasional government official would spend some of his time trying to reduce government regulation, rather than always increasing it.

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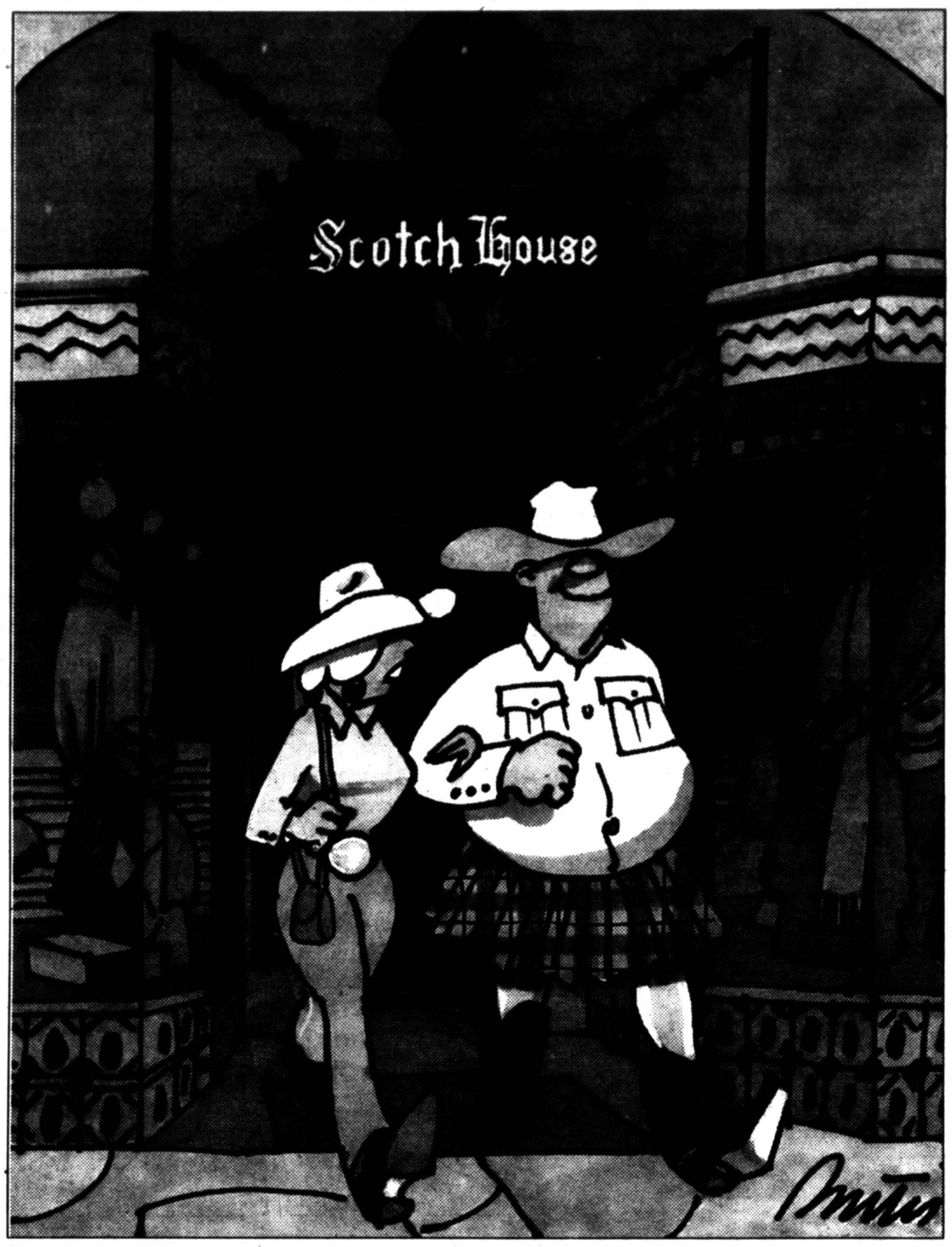

"I still think you look stupid."

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Let's see if you print this letter!

Dear Editor,

I was very surprised to see the article written about the vineyard located on the Joyce property in Carmel Valley.

As a neighbor and a local Realtor, I have always found the vineyard on the hillside to be a real asset to the neighborhood. It is much more aesthetically pleasing than looking at sage and scrub oaks. I cannot see why anyone would allege that this brings down any property values, it only adds to the neighborhood appeal.

Also, the article was very one-sided and slanted to make the Joyce family seem like criminals for having a successful season. The vineyard was installed long before the complaining family moved in. They are the only people on the block with an alleged complaint. These complainers also never once voiced complaints to the Joyce family directly. They just went right to their attorney and filed a lawsuit. How absurd! Don't these people have anything better to do with their time and why go right to the courts with such a frivolous suit? I guess it has become the American way to sue over everything. It also appears that The Carmel Pine Cone was not diligent enough at getting both sides of the story prior to printing such an article.

Debi Nobrega, *Carmel Valley*

Career change

Dear Editor,

Nov. 8 marked my 20th anniversary as general manager of Carmel Plaza. As I looked back over these years I realized that I needed to thank the many, many people in Carmel who made these years so successful for both the Plaza and myself.

I began in the times of Joseph Magnin and I Magnin, The Little Daisy, the 1887 shop — names that seem from another world now. I was privileged to work for Gerson Bakar and Steve Jacobs for 17 years, and to watch them steward the Plaza from a hopeful development into a property that was so

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A PRESENT FOR THE CITY

ON DEC. 6, the City Council passed a resolution to forward the Local Coastal Program for Carmel-by-the-Sea to the California Coastal Commission.

This submission is some 17 years overdue and is the culmination of the "New Year's Resolution" made to the commission at its meeting in Los Angeles a year ago. At that time, we pledged to have the plan completed and submitted by the end of December 2001 — we made that date with time to spare. The Coastal Program is composed of some 800 pages and represents over 137 meetings of the council, planning commission, forest and beach commission and historic preservation committee.

To those who sit on these city bodies, to the many citizens who participated in the discussions along the way or wrote letters and above all to our talented city staff, particularly Chip Rerig and Brian Roseth, we thank you all for a job well done. But it doesn't end here, as the coastal staff and commission may request changes before they will recommend certification. So stay tuned: It may be some months before we have a plan fully certified by the coastal commission.

Happy Holidays!

Sue McCloud

Mayor, Carmel-by-the-Sea

LETTERS

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desirable that it was sold three years ago in what was essentially a bidding war. Both Gerson and Steve gave me an irreplaceable opportunity to develop my career and to be a partner in every detail of the Plaza. There truly are no words to thank them for all that they did for me.

However, none of this could have been accomplished without the partnerships and teamwork that were developed within the City of Carmel. All the mayors and city councils were a delight to work with. Although Ken White was there longest and hence became a friend as well as a colleague, all the mayors worked closely with me to help the Plaza become and stay a part of a city where it could easily have become an adversary instead of a partner. A special thank you must go to Barbara Livingston, who never I believe in my whole time of working with her agreed with me professionally, but always kept us on our toes and made us work harder to be part of Carmel.

The staff at city hall and in the planning department was always a total delight to work with. We didn't always agree but we always worked together cordially and professionally . . . a special thanks to every one of them.

The Carmel Residents Association provided such a wonderful base of understanding for how to integrate a large commercial property into the scale of Carmel. The Carmel Plaza tenants, some of who were there when I started and are still there — stores such as Madrigal, Sun Studio, Plaza Cafe, Patisserie Boissiere — were unfailing in their support year after year.

Steve and Gerson generously allowed me to manage donations of close to $500,000 to local charities over my time as manager. I cherished my relationship with these nonprofit organizations and felt that seldom has a small, 115,000-square-foot center made such a difference. We hope the present owners will continue this incredible contribution. I am particularly proud of its commitment to helping the Sunset Center project get off the ground, making large and repeated donations to that end.

I thank the organizations that allowed me to take part in their programs at board level, organizations like Carmel Bach Festival, Ventana Wilderness Sanctuary, Monterey County Travel and Tourism Alliance, Carmel Business Association, Sunset Center for the Arts, and to Ken White and Sue McCloud for including me on the Carmel Business District Advisory Committee.

I am delighted to be staying in the community in my new role as development director for the incredible Big Sur Land Trust, an organization that I have enthusiastically supported since its inception. I am incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to make a true difference in our area by helping to protect our precious open space.

Thanks Carmel for helping me so much along the way.

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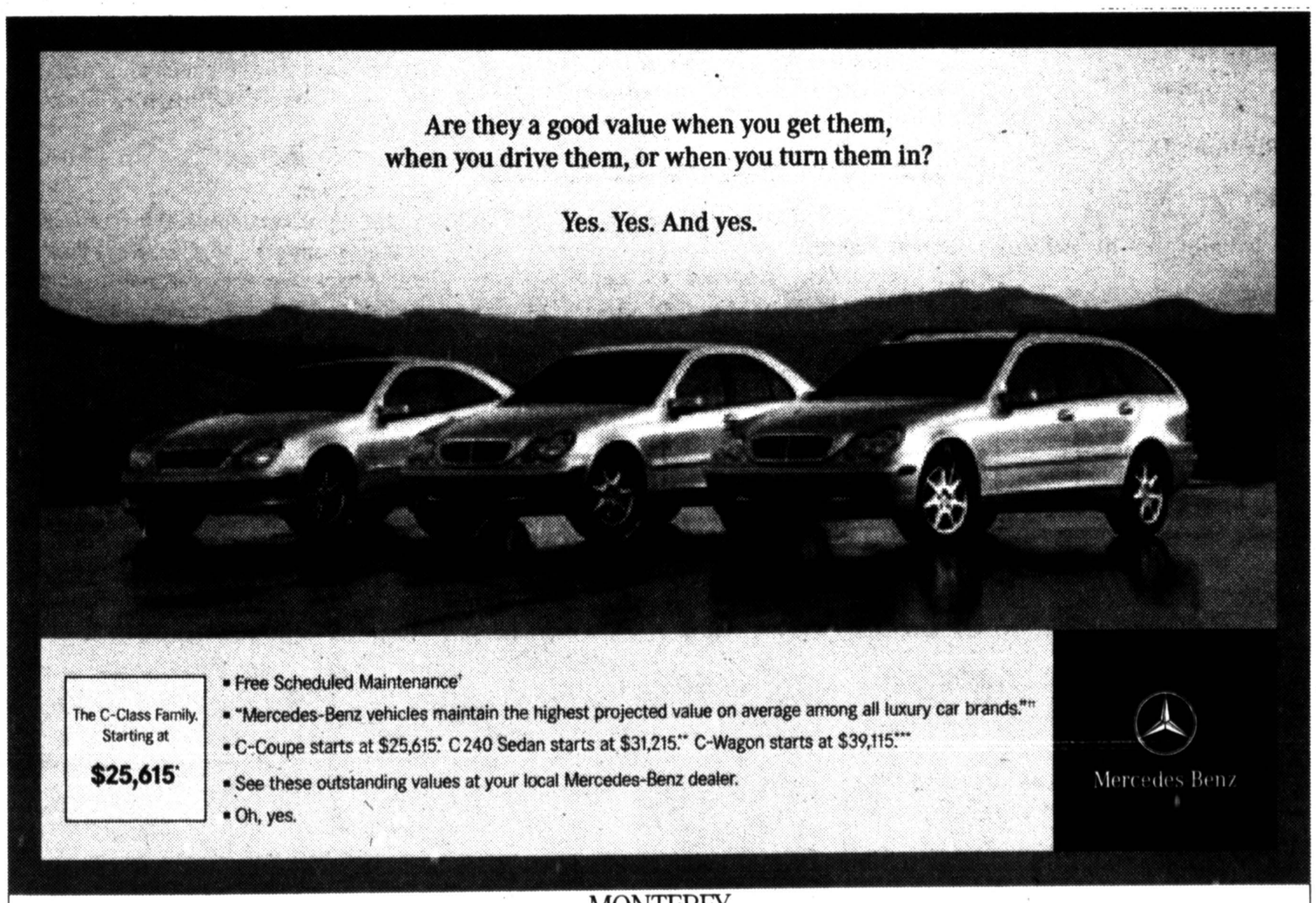
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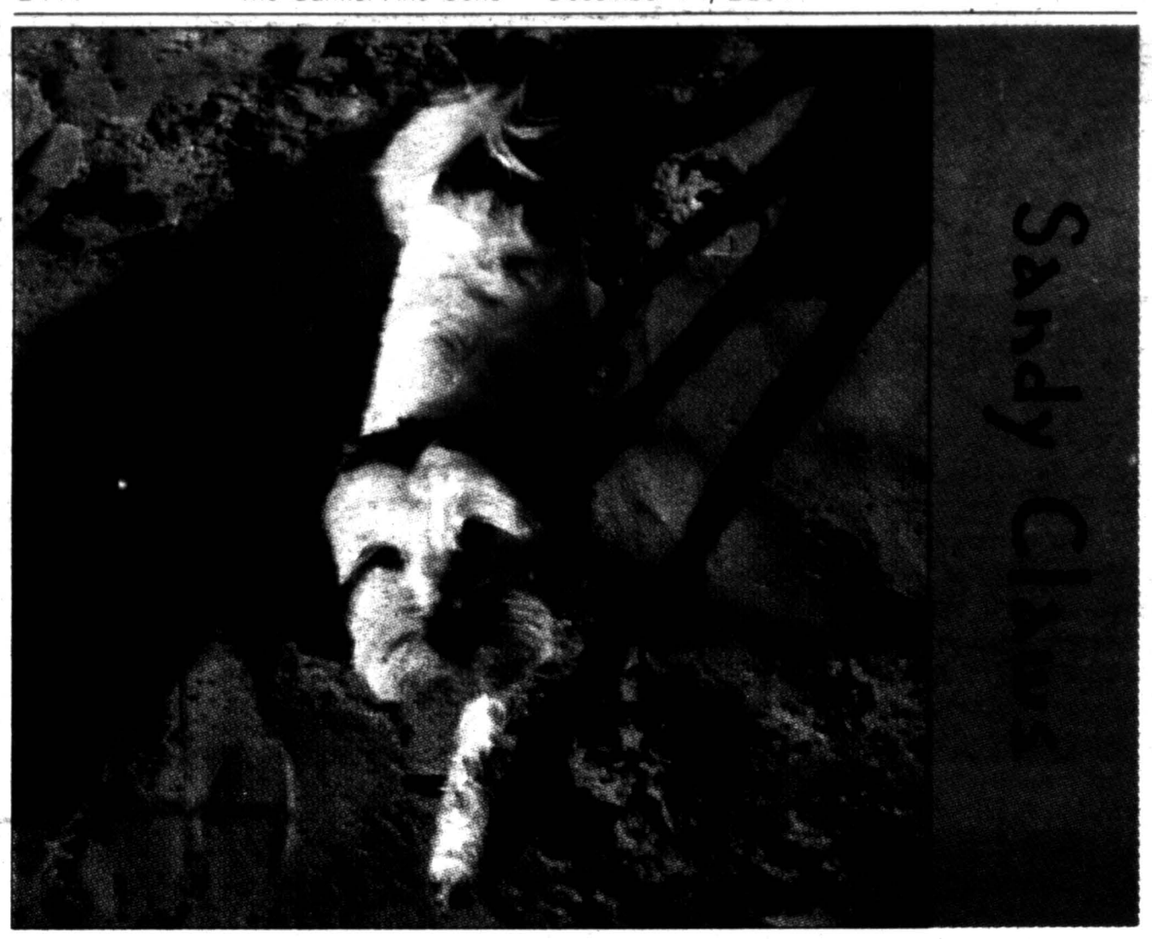

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MOLLY FLAMME, just turned 2, is a Tibetan terrier sporting a new holiday cut, and therefore may be unrecognizable for the time being – except for her little black toupee – to regular Carmel Beach goers.

Thursday morning, the tide was high, sandpipers ran erratically around at the shoreline on their little wheel legs, kelp covered a good portion of the beach, the sun shone warmly, the fragrance of the sea was sweet and clean, and Molly was there, enjoying every minute of the mild winter day.

Molly goes to the beach every chance she gets with Mom Karen and Dad John, who are not allowed to have breakfast before they go. Molly doesn't even have breakfast, so excited is she to join her beach buddy Abby Cox, a chocolate Lab with whom she runs in and out of the water.

After an hour or so of play, Molly takes her parents to Caffe Cardinale for a latte where she indulges herself with a peanut butter cookie. Abby is generally there, too, and other chums who enjoy the Cardinale watering dishes while they socialize.

An event that Molly looks forward to is a visit by nephew Elvis Thomas, a 5-year old foxhound mix who comes down from Oakland with his mom, Molly's sister Jennifer.

Elvis is puzzled by, but entranced with Molly as she performs her favorite trick: She lies on her back, all stretched out, and using her front paws, plays with a ball. Why would anyone do that? Elvis wonders.

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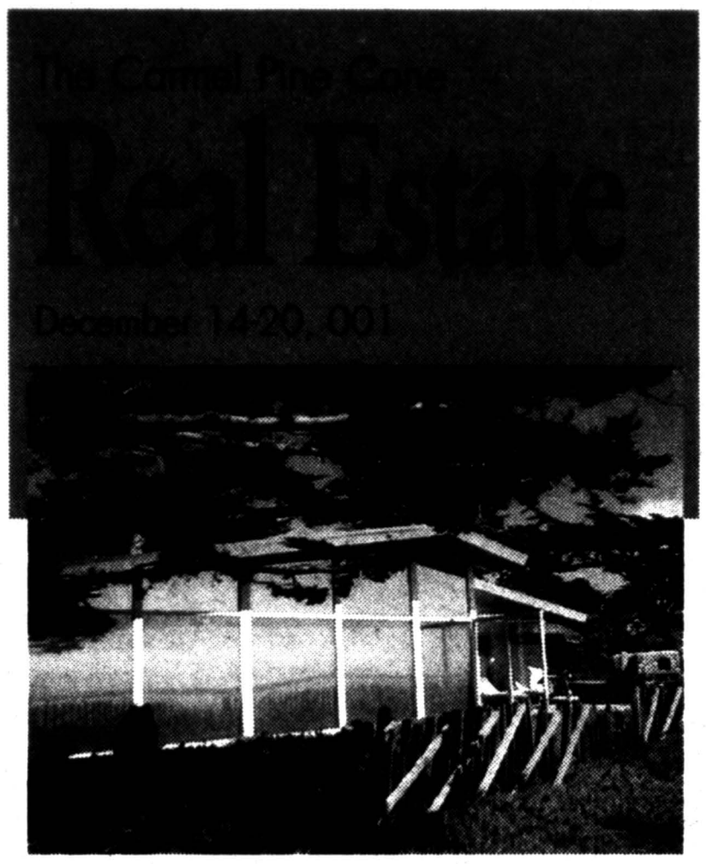

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Hedging inflation while gaining leverage

Walter Eurich

When you buy your home, it should be because you'll enjoy living in it. But it's nice to know that your home is also an excellent hedge against inflation, and your mortgage enables you to leverage your financial investment in it.

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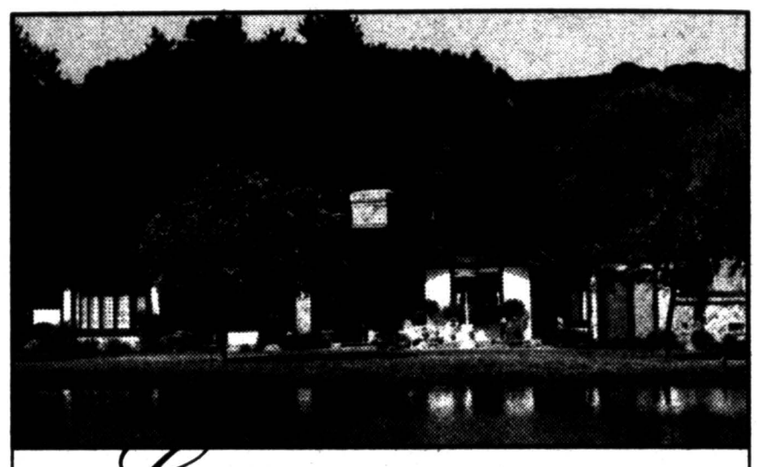

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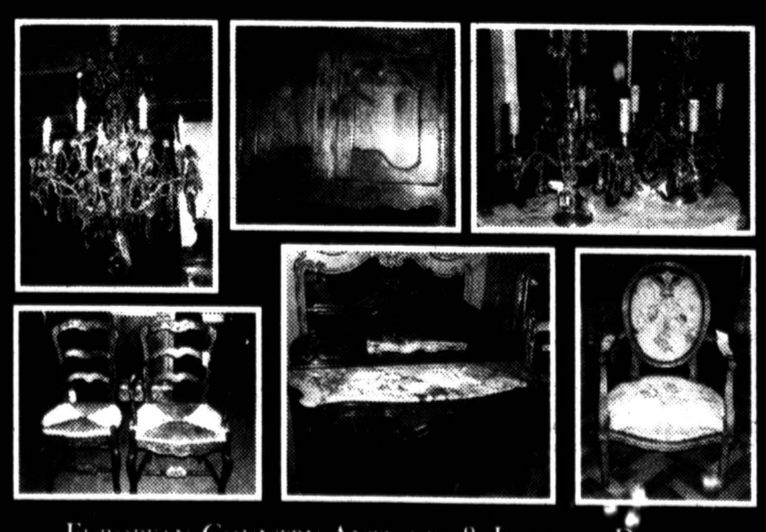

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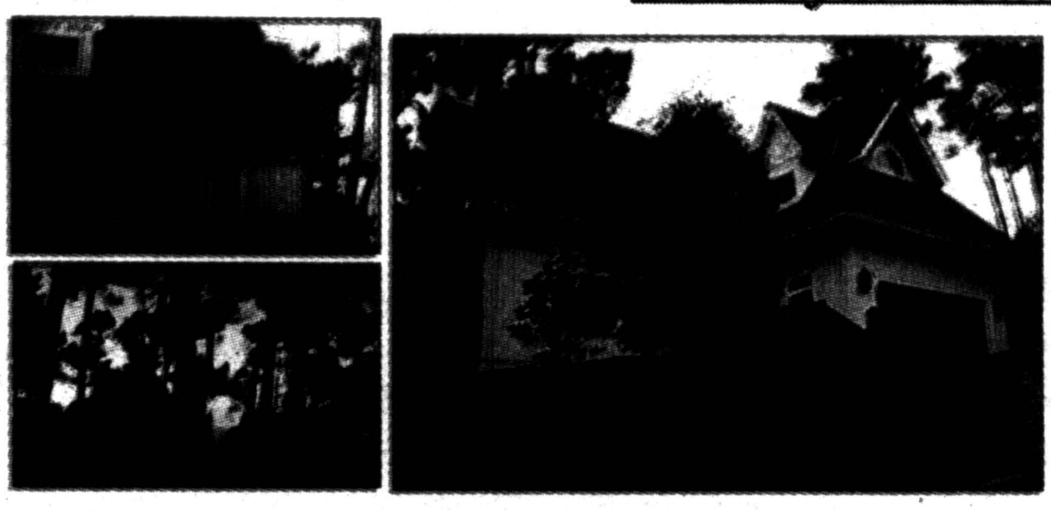

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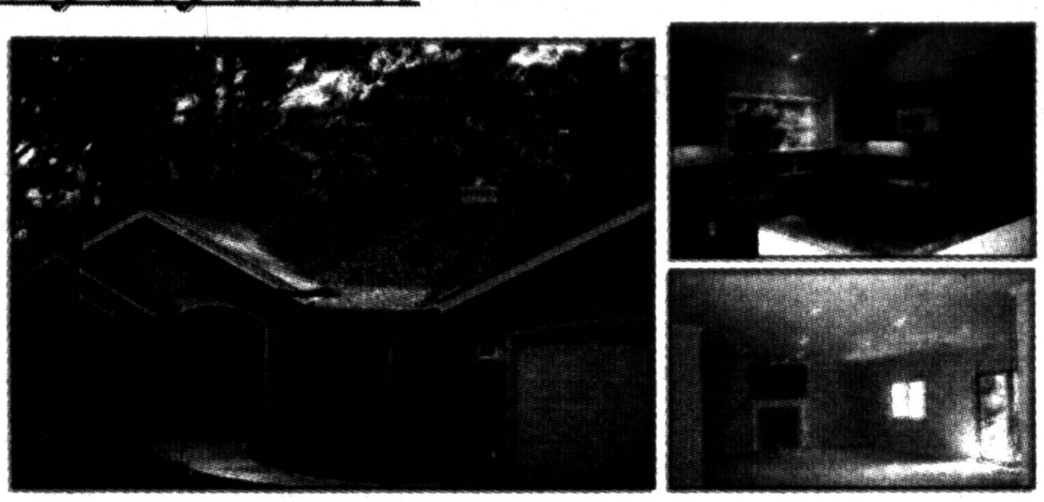

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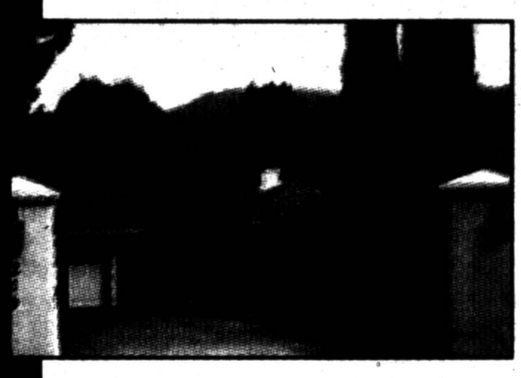

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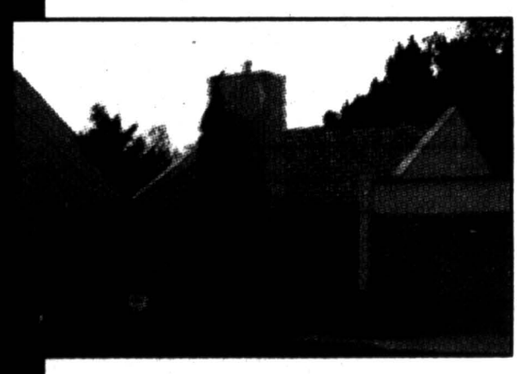

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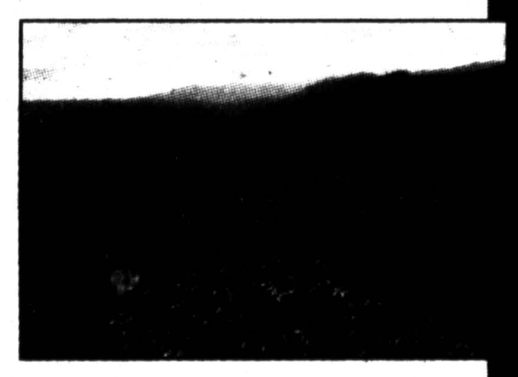

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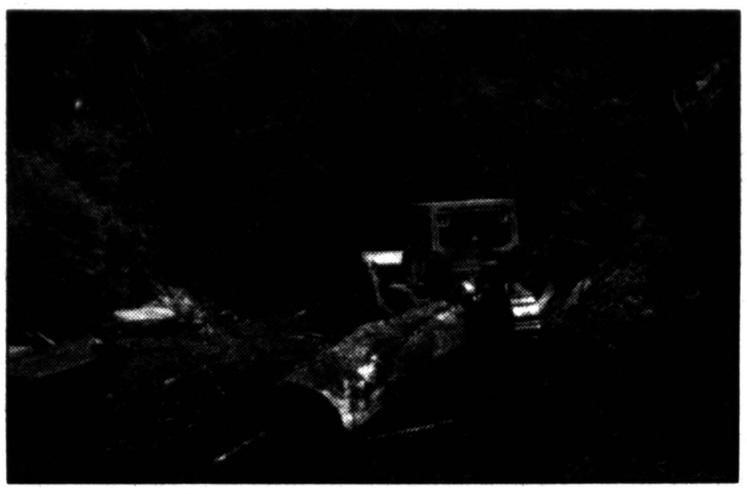

HEMMED IN between two long-ago felled redwoods, volunteer Vinzenze Hake (right) with the Big Sur Land Trust plants one of 100 redwoods added last week to the BSLT's Mitteldorf Preserve above Carmel Valley. The new redwoods, along with native grasses and California bay trees, will help restore Dewing Creek, which was damaged during the property's logging days, according to Niki Nedeff, conservation director for the land trust. BSLT secured a $40,000 grant from the California Department of Fish and Game to help implement this fish and wildlife habitat restoration project. Big Creek Lumber of Davenport also helped out (above), using heavy equipment to remove logs and fill that blocked the creek. The BSLT relies on members and volunteers to help out with a variety of local environmental projects. For info, call 625-5523.

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SHELLOOES

From page 13A

Sea Urchin and Periwinkle.

That decision was appealed to the city council, which voted not to allow the demolition in April 2000. After a new mayor and two new councilmembers were elected later that month, the council reversed the decision three months later.

The Shellooes then applied to the California Coastal Commission for a coastal development permit. The commission rejected the demolition in December 2000, and decided a month later to require rehabilitation of Sea Urchin and Periwinkle using the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

(During that same period, the Shellooes settled their part of a lawsuit filed by preservationist Enid Sales against Carmel over the demolition approval for Sea Urchin and Periwinkle.)

Coastal commissioners tentatively approved a new design which, according to a coastal staff report, meets Carmel's guidelines for height, floor area, lot coverage and setbacks. But the design, submitted to the city in February, requires variances from standards for setbacks, floor area and lot coverage, according to Rerig. It must be OKd by the city before receiving a final go-ahead from the coastal commission.

The planning commission was scheduled to consider the Shellooe's new design Dec. 12, assuming the forest and beach commission approved the tree removal, according to principal planner Chip Rerig.

Now that the forest and beach commission's hearing has been delayed until January, the Shellooes are scheduled to appear before the planning commission Jan. 9, which presents new complications as well.

"We are seating a new planning commission right now," he explained. "They have to read an administrative record that's 500 pages — it's just huge."

After the project receives city approval, California Coastal Commission Executive Director Peter Douglas will have the authority to grant the Shellooes' coastal development permit, according to Rerig. By the time that happens, it will have been at least a year since the coastal commission last saw the design.

"If everyone would have come to the table and sat down to begin with, if we had all tried to work this out, the Shellooes could have been a lot further along by now," he said.

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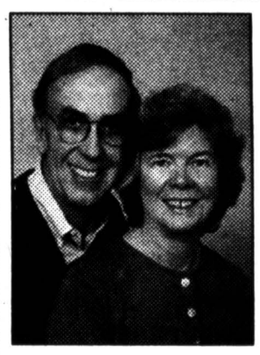

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One-story home — now just right — gets commission's OK

By MARY BROWNFIELD

PLANS FOR a new one-story home featuring board-and-batten siding, divided-light unclad wood windows and a redwood shake roof — all to replace an existing house planners called "very tall, out-of-scale, and rambling" — received final approval from the Carmel Planning Commission this week.

The hearing was the third on the project, which planners had requested be simplified from its original design because it had too many wall "breakups" and complex roof lines, bay windows, dormers and skylights.

That done — and a completed landscape plan in place — Rick Kashfi's application appeared on the consent calendar at the planning commission's Dec. 12 meeting.

Commissioner Robin Wilson pulled the item off the calendar and opened it for public comment, but only to commend designer Darren Davis for the clever way he designed the northeast corner of the house so that it would protect a nearby tree.

Although commissioners Pope Coleman and Bill Strid were absent, the three remaining commissioners voted to approve the project.

The absence of Coleman and Strid also meant three items scheduled for public hearing — an addition to the Carl Cherry Center, installation of a communications facility by Metro PCS in the residential district, and Yvonne Axene's request to add on to a guest house — had to be rescheduled because they require use permits.

Use permits demand approval by a "super majority," or four of the five commissioners. When the planning commission had seven members, five affirmative votes were required, so the commission could still hear use permit applications when two commissioners were absent.

"For the record, this is why we should have seven members on the planning commission," Wasko said.

Ocean Avenue no parking zone appears obsolete

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN OCEAN Avenue no parking zone created by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors two years ago but never enforced may soon be deleted entirely.

The board will hold a public hearing Jan. 8 at 10:30 a.m. to consider removing the zone, which was created to accommodate Caltrans construction of a right-turn lane from Ocean Avenue onto Highway 1 and an accompanying merge lane on southbound Highway 1.

"The ordinance was passed but the county had not installed the signage allowing enforcement because we wanted to wait until Caltrans needed it," said Monterey County Public Works Director Lew Bauman. "There was no point in restricting parking until the improvements had been completed."

But Caltrans decided to abandon those two operational improvements after the county sponsored widening project on Highway 1 received its final OK from the county and the state, according to Bauman.

"In light of Caltrans' contributions to the project and the congestion relief that the climbing lane will provide, Caltrans has elected not to proceed with those improvements," he said.

The pro-Hatton Canyon Freeway group Citizens for Hatton Canyon had also threatened to sue over the widening project, but attorney Christine Gianascol agreed not to pursue the issue in court if Caltrans abandoned those two improvements.

Supervisors will discuss deleting the no parking zone in a public hearing Jan. 8 at 10:30 a.m. in supervisors chambers at the Monterey County Courthouse, 240 Church St., Salinas.

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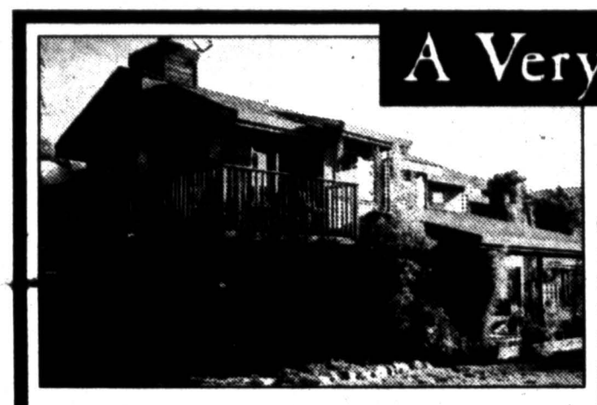

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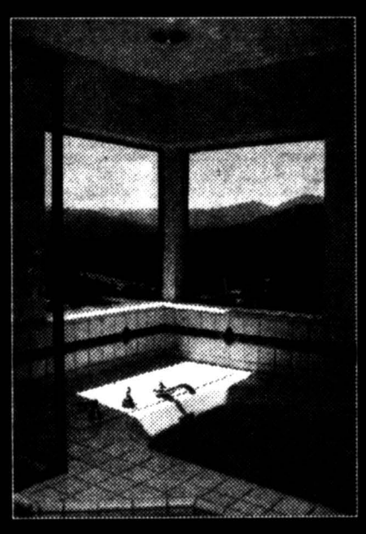

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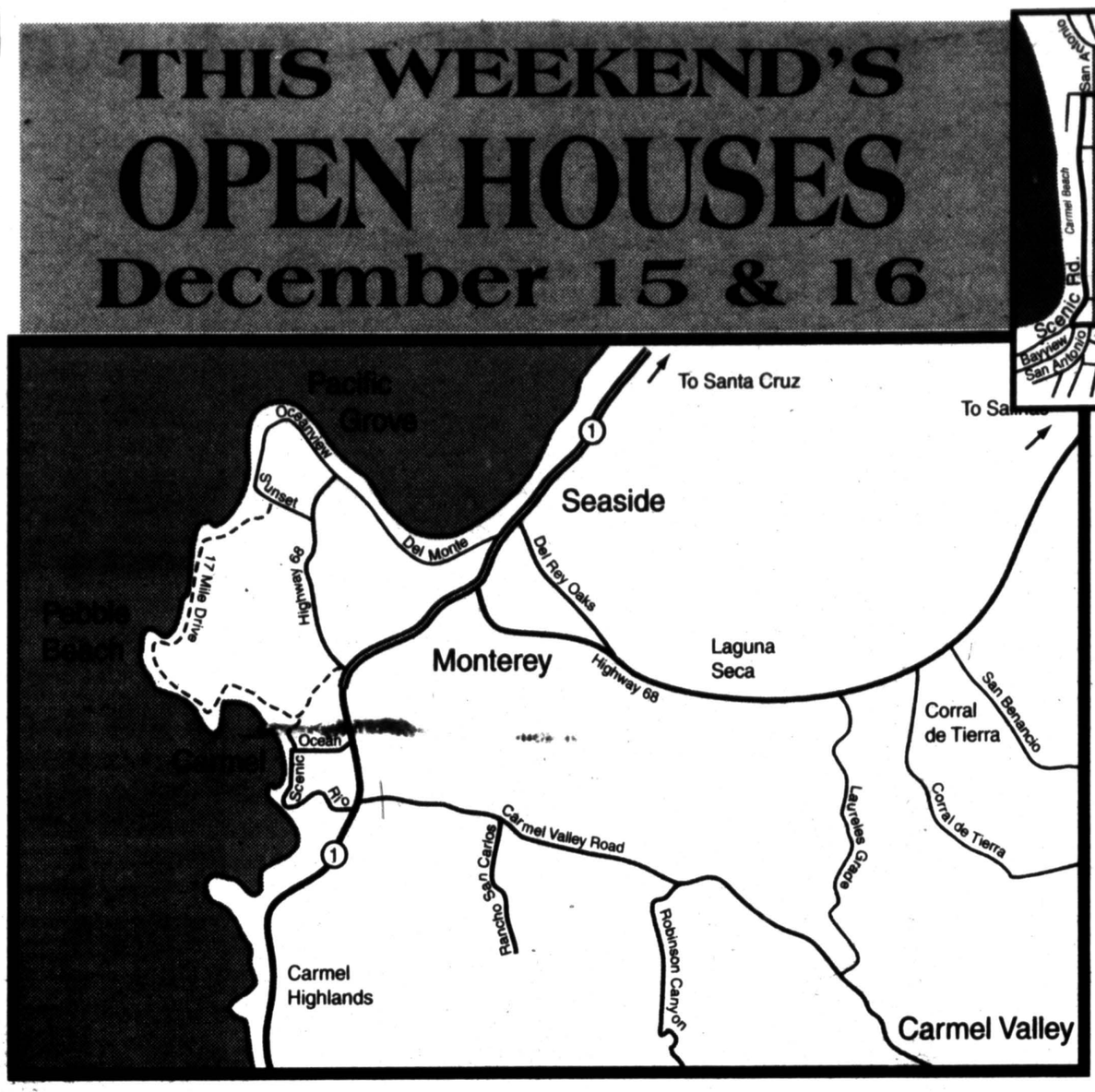

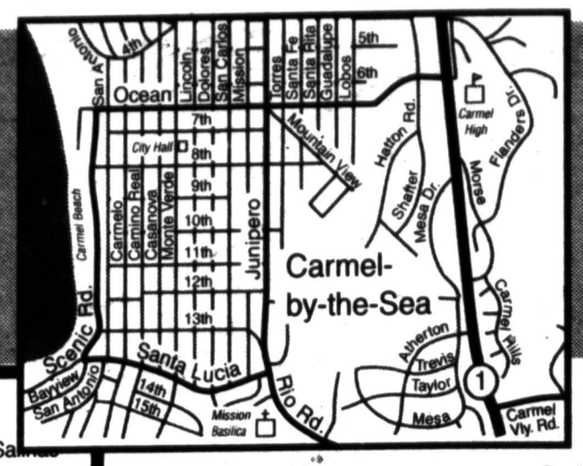

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4000 Rio Road Unit 44		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$539,000 2bd 2.5ba		**Sa 1:30-3:30**
3850 Rio Rd #23		Carmel
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25138 Highway One		Carmel
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25773 Flanders Pl		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$845,000 2+bd 2ba		**Sa 1-4**
2691 15th Ave		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$859,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa2-4 Su11-1**
5th Ave SE of Perry Newberry		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$894,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 1-4**
Torres 5 SE of 9th		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$895,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Su 1:30-3:30**
NWcorAtherton&RioRdrain cancel		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$899,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 1-3**
Guadalupe 6 NE of 6th		Carmel
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$1,095,000 2bd 2.5ba		**Sa 1-3**
3205 Camino Del Monte		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,139,000 2bd 2ba		**Su 2-4**
Guadalupe 2 SW of Ocean		Carmel
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$1,149,000 2bd 2ba		**Su 2:30-4:30**
Torres 10 SW of 10th		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,200,000 3bd 2ba+gst hs		**Su 1-3**
Forest 3 NW of Mountain View		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$1,295,000 3bd 3ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
3399 Taylor Rd		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,395,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa Su 2-4**
24304 San Juan		Carmel
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$1,395,000 2bd 2ba		**Su 2-4:30**
26259 Hilltop Place		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,488,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 1-4**
Torres 2 SE of 2nd		Carmel
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$1,595,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Sa 2-4 Su 1-4**
24768 San Carlos		Carmel
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$1,595,000 3bd 3ba		**Su 2-4**
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SE Cor Guadalupe & 4th		Carmel
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$1,650,000 4bd 3.5ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
2993 Cuesta Way/Crml Meadows		Carmel
Carmel Realty		624-6482
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Santa Fe 2 NW of 8th		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,650,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 2-4 Su 1-3**
Mission & 13th SW corner		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,680,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 12-2**
8th & Carmelo NE Cor		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,849,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 2:30-4:30**
Lincoln 3 NW of 10th		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$2,500,000 3bd 3ba		**Sa 2-4**
26386 Isabella x Scenic Ave		Carmel
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$2,645,000 4bd 3ba		**Su 1-4**
26337 Carmelo St		Carmel
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$2,900,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
SW Cor Dolores & 13th		Carmel
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$2,995,000 4bd 4+ba		**Sa 1-4**
26162 Ladera		Carmel
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$4,950,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
Carmelo 2 NW of 13th		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$5,450,000 4bd 3.5ba		**Su 1:30-4**
26286 Ocean View Ave		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040

CARMEL VALLEY

$339,000 2bd 2ba		**Su 1-3**
9500 Center St #30		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$595,000 2bd 2ba		**Su 12-2**
173 Del Mesa		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$599,000 4bd 3ba		**Su 12-2**
27465Loma Del Rey rain cancels		Carmel Valley
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$649,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 1:30-3:30**
21 Village Dr rain cancels		Carmel Valley
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4135 Canada Ct		Carmel Valley
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$649,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 1:30-3:30**
4135 Canada Ct		Carmel Valley
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$759,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 1-3**
72 Ford Rd rain or shine		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$775,000 3bd 2bd		**Su 11-1**
137 Laurel		Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$825,000 4bd 2ba		**Su 1-3**
26044 Rio Vista		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,125,000 4bd 3.5ba		**Sa Su1:30-3**
216 Vista Verde x Los Tulares		Carmel Valley
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,350,000 3bd 3ba		**Sa 1-3**
26030 Rotunda		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$1,395,000 4bd 4.5ba		**Su 1-3:30**
25325 Tierra Grande		Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,450,000 4bd 2.5ba		**Sa & Su 1-3**
26165 Rinconada		Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,495,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Sa 2-4**
66 Rancho Rd rain cancels		Carmel Valley
J.G. Stillwagon Real Estate		659-5959
$2,295,000 4bd 4.5ba		**Su 2-4**
2MiddleCanyonRd rain cancels		Carmel Valley
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CARMEL HIGHLANDS

$895,000 3bd 1.5ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
91 Corona Rd rain cancels		Crml Highland
Carmel Realty		624-6482
$1,900,000 4bd 3.5ba		**Su 1-3**
29703 Peter Pan Rd		Crml Highland
John Saar Properties		625-0500

MARINA

$525,000 4bd 2.5ba		**Su 2-4**
3264 Marina Dr		Marina
Burchell House Properties		624-6461

MONTEREY

$238,000 1bd 1ba		**Su 11-1**
500 Glenwood Circle #227		Monterey
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$475,000 1bd 1ba		**Sa 1-4**
760 Lyndon Street		Monterey
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$499,000 2 unit duplex		**Su 2-4**
823-25 Spencer		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$499,500 3bd 2ba		**Sa 2-4**
616 Lobos St		Monterey
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$529,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 1-3**
884 Newton		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$529,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 1-4**
1399 David		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$699,000 3bd 1ba +		**Su 2-4**
211 Larkin		Monterey
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,350,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Sa 2:30-4:30**
471 Dry Creek		Monterey
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,599,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Sa & Su 1-3**
1245 Aguajito		Monterey
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MTRY/SALINAS HWY.

$1,000,000+ Lots		**Sa Su 10-4**
24285 Via Malpaso		Mrty/Sins Hwy
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$2,448,500 4bd 5.5ba		**Su 1-4**
403 Estrella De Oro		Mrty/Sins Hwy
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$2,995,000 4bd 3.5ba		**Sa 1-4**
409 Estrella d'Oro		Mrty/Sins Hwy
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$525,000 4bd 3ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
17649 River Run		Mrty/Sins Hwy
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$749,000 4bd 3ba		**Sa 1-3**
12 Paso Verde rain cancels		Mtry/Sins Hwy
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$1,250,000 2bd 1ba+6acres		**Su 2-4**
430 Corral DeTierra Rd R/C		Mtry/Sins Hwy
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$1,790,000 3bd 3.5ba		**Sa 1-3**
106 Las Brisas Dr		Mtry/Sins Hwy
John Saar Properties		625-0500

PACIFIC GROVE

$315,000 2bd 2ba		**Sa 12-2:30**
1001 Funston Ave unit 6		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$529,000 3bd 1ba		**Sa 12-2**
507-13th Street		Pacific Grove
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$575,000 2bd 2ba		**Su 1-3**
412 Park St		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$670,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 12-2**
307 8th St		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$670,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa Su 11-3**
1108 Austin Ave rain cancels		Pacific Grove
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$749,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa3-4 Su12-2**
663 Laurel		Pacific Grove
The Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,179,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
917 Bayview Ave		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$1,295,000 4bd 3ba		**Sa 2-4**
440 Crocker Ave rain cancels		Pacific Grove
John Saar Properties		625-0500

PEBBLE BEACH

$625,000 2bd 2ba		**Sa 2-4**
4113 Sunridge		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$625,000 2bd 2ba		**Su 2-4**
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$749,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 1:30-4**
1121 Sawmill Gulch		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$895,000 4bd 3ba		**Sa & Su 1-3**
1147 Mestres		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2225
$995,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Sa 1-3**
3100 Bird Rock Rd		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,125,000 4bd 3ba		**Sa 2-4 Su 1-3**
3109 Stevenson		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2225
$1,200,000 6bd 2.5ba		**Su 1-4**
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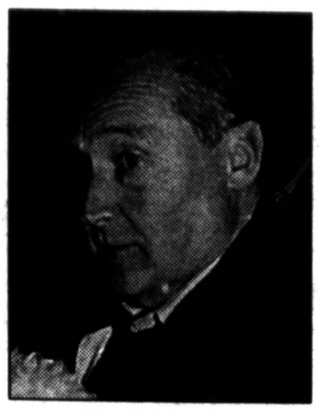


Frank Wasko

Former Carmel Mayor Ken White told the city council the restriction was voted in for good reason, and he urged the council not to lift it.

"This was never intended to allow two rentals on a single-family parcel," White said. "There was a commitment to everyone who bought property in Carmel over the decades that you're going to live in a single-family home. With two rentals on the property you're creating a business."

Others argued that changing the law could hurt Carmel neighborhoods.

"Not having a homeowner on the site can lead to the real degradation of the neighborhood," said Linda Anderson, who remembered problems with unsupervised children running around and fights in the middle of the night before the law was passed.

McCloud said the city could add safeguards — including a one-year minimum lease limited to single family tenants — to help alleviate residents' concerns.

Councilman Gerard Rose said the city should do something concrete to provide affordable housing, "assuming you think people who rent long term are not a subclass, or inferior, or bad people."

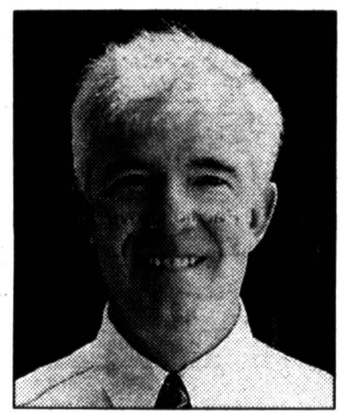
"Nobody has come up with an alternative," he said.

Anderson questioned whether the granny units in Carmel would actually be affordable. "People would rent for what the market would bear," she said.

Carmel City Administrator Rich Guillen advised the council against adopting a definition of affordable housing for now, but to wait until the county completes its study of the issue.

The city council first suggested freeing up the secondary units last May, but was advised by staff to wait until the planning commission could study the idea. But planning commission chairman Frank Wasko told the council that his group never discussed the proposal. He asked for a second chance.

"I'm embarrassed about it, but it's a fact," Wasko said. "It might be something you want to throw in our laps and make sure we do it this time."



Dick Ely

Five-year trial

Council member Dick Ely supported lifting the granny unit restriction with the caveat that it last only five years.

"Is there a way to look at this as an interim solution and not the long-term solution for the Peninsula as a whole?" Ely asked.

Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac agreed. "I wholeheartedly support this," she said. "If it doesn't work in a few years, it can be scrapped."

Earlier in the meeting, Livingston suggested the city establish priorities for water use, giving the highest consideration to affordable housing.

While Ely, a former water board member, supported the idea, the rest of the council nixed it because "affordable housing" has not been defined here.

"There's a technical definition of affordable, and there's the reality of each local city," said Carmel Principal Planner Brian Roseth. "What's affordable in Carmel isn't what's affordable in Salinas."

PEBBLE BEACH

$1,995,000 3bd 2.5ba	**Su 1-3:30**
1407 Lisbon Lane	Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222s
$2,295,000 3bd 3.5ba	**Su 2-4**
1041 San Carlos	Pebble Beach
The Mitchell Group	624-0136
$2,395,000	**Su 3-4**
1580 Griffin Rd	Pebble Beach
John Saar Properties	622-7227
$4,100,000 5bd 5.5ba	**Sa 1-4**
2987 Old 17-Mile Drive	Pebble Beach
The Mitchell Group	624-0136

SALINAS

$319,000 4bd 3ba	**Su 2-4**
1447 Gaviota Dr	Salinas
Burchell House Properties	624-6461

SEASIDE

$250,000 2bd 1ba	**Sa 1-4**
1778 Harding	Seaside
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040
$369,955 3bd 2ba	**Su 2-4:30**
1060 Olympic	Seaside
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040
$369,955 3bd 2ba	**Sa 1-4**
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al fund at a time when revenues are tight, Bauman added.

"This isn't new money; these are not new taxes, but it would put a burden on the government and legislature to find more money now that they have a significant budget deficit to deal with," he said.

The five-year plan includes $13 million to rebuild three Carmel Valley area bridges — Boronda Road, Schulte Road and Arroyo Seco.

Five-year plan

Bauman made passing mention of Proposition 42's possible impact on the county's road plans when he presented the five-year capital improvement program to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Dec. 4.

Bauman said capital improvement projects are planned to maximize the use of state and federal funds, maintain existing facilities, and improve safety and capacity.

The $103,211,275 called for over the next several years includes:

- $2,181,900, which includes development fees of $1,721,900 — $121,400 from Chateau Julien —for left-turn channels at 10 Carmel Valley Road intersections;
- $333,000 for the traffic signal at Carmel Valley Road and Via Mallorca;
- $4,685,000 for the county-sponsored widening project on Highway 1; and
- $3,583,400 for pavement projects during 2001-2002;
- $7,952,115 to replace the Arroyo Seco Bridge;
- $1,677,570 to replace the historic Boronda Road Bridge;
- $3,725,500 to replace the Schulte Road Bridge; and
- $3,830,700 for pavement projects in 2002-2003.

Work slated for 2003-2004 includes $3,977,100 for paving and $2,110,000 to install double left-turn lanes and extend the right-turn lane onto Los Laureles Grade from Highway 68, while projects listed for 2004-2005 include $4,083,500 for pavement projects throughout the county and $3,280,000 for two left-turn lanes from Highway 68 onto San Benancio Canyon Road and widening a bridge.

More pavement projects in 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 total $4,190,000 and $3,835,000, respectively.

PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Among the projects on the county's extensive road-improvement project list is the traffic signal slated for Carmel Valley Road and Via Mallorca — the scene of three fatal accidents and numerous close calls in the last two years. The traffic signal should be operating early next year, and supervisors hope it will help the elderly residents of Hacienda Carmel come and go more safe-

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Carmel area: Viejo Road resident reported a trespasser on his property.

Carmel Valley: Arboles Road homeowner requested deputies contact another home and have her guests remove their vehicles from the private road he owns. Vehicles were moved.

Carmel Valley: Calle de la Ventana resident reported being in an argument with her mentally unstable son.

Carmel area: Highway 1 resident reported a possible prowler around her residence. No prowler was found.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a Serra Road residence regarding a verbal dispute between boyfriend and girlfriend.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: City found a hanging sign belonging to an art gallery lying on the sidewalk in front of the business. Sign taken for safe keeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female subject said someone had found a hammer belonging to her and had told her she could retrieve it at CPD. When she was advised that no one had turned in a hammer belonging to her, she then began

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012067. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **POLLOCK KUENY CONSTRUCTION,** 17 Camp Steffani, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. J. ZACHARY POLLOCK-KUENY, 17 Camp Steffani, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Oct. 30, 2001. (s)J. Zachary Pollock-Kueny. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 30, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2001. (PC1111)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012122. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **KION TV,** 15 Moffett Street, Salinas, CA 93905. ACKERLEY MEDIA GROUP, INC., Washington, 1301 Fifth Ave., Ste. 4000, Seattle, WA 98101. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Jan. 12, 2000. (s)Kevin E. Hylton, Asst. Secretary, Ackerley Media Group, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 7, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2001. (PC1112)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012148. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **LUXOTTICA RETAIL GROUP,** 1420 Del Monte Shpg. Ctr., Monterey, CA 93940. LENSCRAFTERS, INC. (Ohio Domestic), 8650 Governor's Hill Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45242. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Sept. 21, 2001. (s)Mildred Curtis, Asst. Secretary, LensCrafters, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2001. (PC1114)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012166. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **SBC PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,** 140 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, 140 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s)Paula M. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Pacific Bell Telephone. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 15, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2001. (PC1115)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012184. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **CALIFORNIA PRODUCE CONNECTIONS, INC.,** 824 Park Row, Ste. D, Salinas, CA 93901. CALIFORNIA PRODUCE CONNECTIONS, INC., 824 Park Row, Ste. D, Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Nov. 20, 2001. (s)James D. Murphy, California Produce Connection, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 19, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2001. (PC1116)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
NANCY A. JOHNSON, Deceased.
Case No. MP-15820
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF NANCY A. JOHNSON

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to RITA M. KRAEMER, Successor Trustee of the Nancy A. Johnson Trust Agreement dated August 27, 1993, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at RR 1, Box 800, Mount Pleasant, TX 75455.If notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, you must file your claim 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Donald G. Freeman
Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2001. (PC1120)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012186. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **SBC PACIFIC TELESIS GROUP,** 140 New Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94105. PACIFIC TELESIS GROUP, 2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA 94583. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s) Paula M. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Pacific Telesis Group. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 20, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2001. (PC1121)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
BETTE L. CLIFFORD, Deceased.
Case No. MP-15825
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BETTE L. CLIFFORD

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to JANE C. WOODWARD, Trustee of the Trust Dated August 21, 1996, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Kathleen Llewellyn
Attorney for Trustee
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2001. (PC1201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012190. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS,** 401 Fremont Blvd., Monterey, CA 93940. PETER ANTHONY SCARDINA, 37503 Cachagua Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Nov. 25, 2001. (s) Peter A. Scardina. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 20, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2001. (PC1202)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012249. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **HONEST ENGINES,** 553 Munras Ave., Monterey, CA 93940. NGUYEN & NGUYEN, LLC, California, 553 Munras Ave., Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Aug. 3, 2001. (s) Thang Duo Nguyen, Manager Nguyen & Nguyen, LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 30, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2001. (PC1203)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M55449.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. *Present name*: DEBBIE LYNN LEHMAN
Proposed name: DEBBIE LYNN TAYLOR.
B. *Present name*: LINDSEY MICHELLE LEHMAN
Proposed name: LINDZIE MICHELLE TAYLOR.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 4, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Hon. Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 26, 2001.

Publication dates: Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2001. (PC1206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012239. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **CRAZY SHIRTS,** Ocean & San Carlos, Carmel, CA 93921. ONLY THE BEST, INC. (state of Hawaii), 99-061 Koaha Way, 201 AIEA, Hawaii 96701. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above. (s) Debra A. Mocleirros. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 29, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002.. (PC1205)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M56911.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
A. *Present name*: ANYSSA LEIGH BRITTANY SPINDLER
Proposed name: ANYSSA LEIGH OLIVIER

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 4, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Richard M. Silver
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 28, 2001.

Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002. (PC 1207)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012149. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **BROWN BARN PUBLISHING,** 25519 Hacienda Place Carmel, CA 93923. BROWN BARN PUBLISHING, 25519 Hacienda Place, Carmel, CA 93923.. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Feb. 15, 2001. (s) Antonius Vanderberg, Vice. Pres. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002. (PC1208)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of PATRICIA JEAN BOEKE
Case Number MP 15833

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PATRICIA JEAN BOEKE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT H. BOEKE in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBERT H. BOEKE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 11, 2002 at 10:30 a.m., Dept.: Probate, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner THOMAS HART HAWLEY, Hawley & Llewellyn, P.O. Box 805, Carmel, CA 93921. (831) 624-5339. (s) THOMAS HART HAWLEY, Attorney for Petitioner.

Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001. (PC 1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012270. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **HELLER ESTATE,** 69 W. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. HELLER ESTATE, INC. CALIFORNIA, 69 W. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 2001. (s) Rene Schober. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 4, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002.. (PC 1211)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors will conduct a Public hearing to review traffic volumes on Segments 3 & 7 of the Carmel Valley Master Plan. Pursuant to Carmel Valley Master Plan Policy 39.3.21C, a Public Hearing is required because Segments 3 & 7 exceeded their threshold volumes.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Room No. 225, Courthouse, 240 Church Street, Salinas, California, at which time any and all interested persons may appear and address the Board on this issue.

Dated: December 6, 2001

SALLY R. REED
CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF
MONTEREY

By: /S/ Nancy Lukenbill
Deputy

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. F991449. The following person(s) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name **AOS (AOS A-COPY, INC. OFFICE SYSTEM)**, 218 Reindollar Ave., Ste. 2-B-1, Marina, CA 93933. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on July 26, 1999. A-COPY, INC., 218 Reindollar Ave., Marina, CA 93933. This business was conducted by a corporation. (s) Martin Albanese. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 7, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002 (PC 1212)

to ramble on about other events. Matters had already been discussed by CPD and MCSO. Advice given on contacting the proper agency.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported a problem with another tenant in her complex parking behind her and making her late for work. Both vehicles are on private property. Advised she should contact the tenant or her landlord. Civil problem.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject requested a civil standby while he took photos of flowers outside a San Carlos antiques shop. No other party was contacted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a possible hit-and-run committed by the driver of a tan-over-dark-green Jeep Wrangler with Butts dealership paper plants against a white Volvo parked on Eighth at San Carlos. Driver of the Jeep had driven around a parked UPS truck, struck the Volvo and failed to stop and give further notice about the accident. Note left for owner of Volvo.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject purchased a dog leash for her cat in the amount of $14.93 and agreed to pay for her purchase the next day but never did. Store employee contacted the customer, who refused to pay, so she called the police. Subject claimed it was a misunderstanding and paid the full amount. No further action taken.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: One subject riding a bicycle and another driving a pickup truck engaged in a road rage incident at San Carlos and Fifth. Driver used the finger and the cyclist broke his mirror. No charges requested and the matter was handled civilly.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: 911 hangup from a San Antonio residence. Altercation occurred between resident's current boyfriend and a former boyfriend, who had entered the residence drunk and remained there for a while because he had nowhere to go. She was counseled to call the department if there were further problems.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a San Carlos antiques store where a woman was hyperventilating and incoherent but managed to report a problem with someone. She took two tablets to control her anxiety and provided information regarding code violations between her and the city. Apparently the subject was in contact with her during the past several weeks. She stated the city is not being reasonable about the municipal code enforcement issues being alleged against her business. She has developed a phobia against the subject because of his alleged threatening demeanor. Today, he met her as he was walking by and attempted to speak to her. However, she grew fearful and locked herself inside of her business, calling 911. Medical aid was offered but she said she would be fine. Spoke with the subject and he stated he was walking from the city attorney's office near the store. He acknowledged her in passing but did not threaten her in any way. Information only. No further action.

Big Sur: San Francisco resident reported three men overdue to return from a backpacking trip in Los Padres National Forest. Their vehicle was found at the back country parking lot in Big Sur. The sheriff's office rescue team encountered the three hiking out to their car. They had become stranded on the opposite side of the Big Sur River at Barlow Camp after the river rose during the previous day's storm. They waited for the river to drop before attempting to cross.

Carmel Valley: 911 hangup from a Pronghorn Run residence. Resident misdialed.

Carmel Valley: Mission Road resident reported a subject removed several items out of a furnished rental without permission.

Carmel Valley: Miramonte Road resident reported seeing an unknown subject walking on her property. A search of the residence and surrounding area was conducted but no one was found.

Carmel Valley: Welfare check made on a Carmel Valley Road resident due to comments he made to his neighbor. However he was found to be OK and in no need of medical assistance.

Carmel Valley: Sylvan Road resident reported unknown suspects vandalized her living room window with a BB gun.

Carmel Valley: Hidden Hills resident reported hearing noises in his back yard. Area check with negative results.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citation issued in error. Citation voided in the interest of justice.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of $2,700 in miscellaneous items stolen from a San Carlos antiques store between 12/02/01 and 12/04/01 while the business was open.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject found in the business district appeared to be lost and did not know where he lives. Records check revealed home address. He was driven home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmelo resident called to report four items missing from her apartment: one rug, one hammer, one poster, one cat. Cat was taken by a friend living in the county area. Resident is 5150 and these items may not be missing at all.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject possibly frightening the juveniles near San Antonio and Ocean prior to the students boarding a school bus. She was warned/counseled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of three men in the area visiting various construction sites inquiring about work. Citizen thought the subjects may be casing the area for tools or materials. Area checked, unable to locate.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CHOMP requested a welfare check on a Mission resident who would not answer her phone after a Lifeline activation. She was not at home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost pearl necklace and matching earrings valued at $5,000.

Pebble Beach: Woman reported her son lost her cell phone in the surf at Fanshell Beach.

Pebble Beach: Woman reported her husband walked away from his Congress Road home. He suffers from Alzheimer's disease. He was located and returned home.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident reported his neighbors were being too noisy. The neighbors agreed to keep it down.

Carmel Valley: At the request of Seaside P.D. a Paso Del Rio resident was arrested for burglary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Advised a female caller on how to put a stop to obscene telephone calls.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a duck wandering into the traffic lanes at Dolores and Franciscan Way. Animal detained by a resident. It was transported to the Carmel River Beach area adjacent to the lagoon.

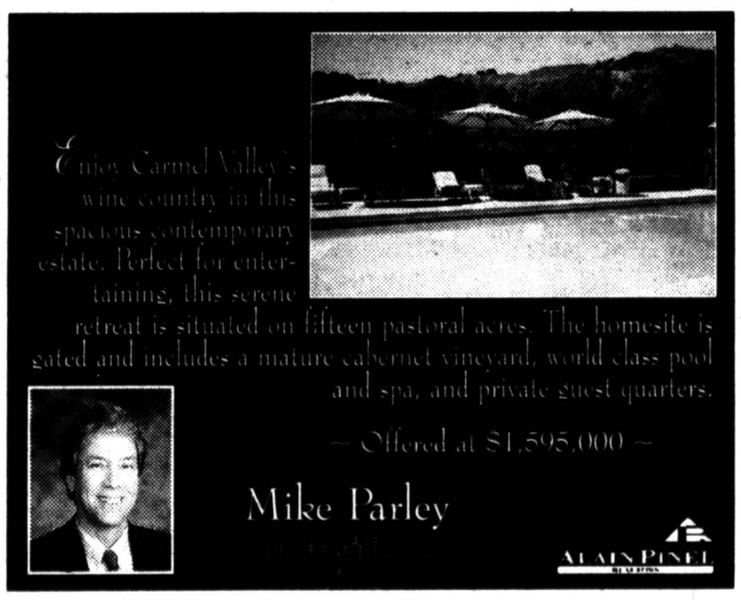
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a female possibly harassing students at the bus stop at San Antonio and Ocean. Stood by until the bus had picked up the students. No incidents noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check on a cat possibly caught in a cage made of chicken wire. Structure was mounted on the side of an apartment on Mission with an open window. Window is left ajar allowing the animal to enter and exit as it pleases.

Carmel area: Camino Real resident reported the landlord showed up unexpectedly at the residence, sprayed water at the windows and sprayed one of the residents in the face with the hose.

Carmel Valley: Patrol observation of the gate to a Los Laureles Grade property smashed open and destroyed. Apparent

*See **POLICE LOG** page 10B*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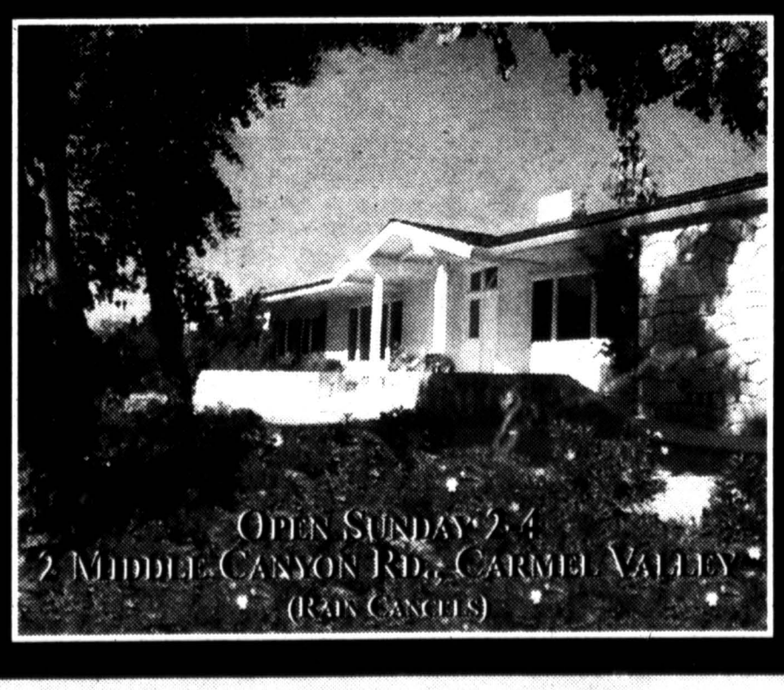

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suspect vehicle is a Ford product, possibly either sparkly blue or light blue with sparkly blue trim, most likely with front end damage and right side mirror missing.

Carmel area: Monte Verde resident reported a neighbor left the door open to a tool closet in his carport. The door was secured.

Carmel area: Woman reported losing her purse at the Crossroads approximately one week ago.

Carmel area: Report that an Albertsons employee made threats toward the business and other employees.

Carmel area: Person turned over property found near the riverbed behind the Crossroads. Property returned to the owner's husband.

Big Sur: Investigated a report of possible child abuse inflicted upon a 7-year-old male by his 15-year-old brother. Case unfounded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted cab driver for not having a business license displayed. He said it was his understanding that he did not need one to drop off passengers. Information forwarded to city.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sheriff's office requested a welfare check for a subject after he got into an argument with his parents and left home. He is a known surfer and frequents Carmel Beach. Beach area checked with negative results. Dispatch later advised the subject had returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver cited for stop sign violation, no current registration and no proof of current insurance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: San Carlos resident found her south side kitchen/patio door open and believed someone entered her residence and turned off the power to her Jacuzzi tub while she was bathing her dog. No evidence of forced entry or tampering with the fuse box.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed a pickup truck turn the corner at Junipero and Third and lose its load of lumber, blocking traffic in the intersection. Provided traffic control while the driver reloaded his truck.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle observed crossing over the double yellow line and weaving at Camino del Monte and Pico. Driver evaluated for DUI. Negative DUI.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject requested an officer contact inn management regarding a security deposit from an apartment rental. Advised the matter was civil but would call as a courtesy. Management advised she did not pay rent or utilities for the final month and that she could take them to small claims court. She was advised.

Carmel area: After a family argument a 15-year-old male ran away from his Summit Field Road home but returned the following morning.

Carmel Valley: Via Los Tulares resident wished to give the sheriff's department his rifles to be destroyed.

Carmel area: Casanova and Ninth resident reported a civil problem with her ex-landlord.

Carmel area: On 12/03/01 a tourist from Argentina left her backpack on the roof of her vehicle on Highway 1 near Pt. Lobos and drove off. She returned an hour later but could not locate her backpack.

Carmel area: General manager of the Crossroads reported a woman sleeping on a bench. The woman agreed to leave.

Carmel area: Carmel Hills Drive resident reported a subject trespassing on his property. However, the man was surveying the property for a pending civil suit with one of the resident's neighbors.

Carmel area: Fisher Place resident reported receiving a suspicious telephone call. The caller was a bill collector for a Houston, Texas, collection company.

Carmel Valley: Nason Road resident reported seeing bottle rockets in the area. Unable to locate suspect.

Carmel area: San Mateo Avenue resident reported his daughter's friend took numerous Advil pills to try and hurt herself.

Carmel area: Arriba Way resident reported his garage was entered and items were taken. Estimated loss $2,200.

Carmel Valley: CPS referral on an 11-year-old female who had an asthma attack. Paramedics reported 11-year-old living in filthy conditions and adults smoking near child. Allegations were unfounded after investigation.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted CFD on a medical with an elderly female who lost her balance due to foot problems, became light-headed due to lack of food and fell, causing injury to her head. She was transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of burglary of a Mission residence between 11/25/01 and 12/07/01. Missing is $300 worth of television/stereo equipment.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wells Fargo employees reported a disoriented male in their lobby. He was contacted and said he lost his bus pass and that he wanted to get home. His address was printed on his cane and he was transported home. Neighbor contacted and said she would check on him.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of someone sleeping in a motorhome at Santa Fe and Third. Contacted a subject who said his friend was allowing him to stay at the residence and that he was not sleeping in the motorhome.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of verbal disturbance at a Mission residence. Subject reported her boyfriend's sister was upset and arguing and refusing to leave. Subject was concerned about her brother and an ongoing family problem. She was asked to leave and because of the odor of alcohol on her breath, she had a friend drive her home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Close patrol requested by a bank due to a potentially disgruntled customer. Irate customer did not return.

Carmel area: Oak Way resident reported receiving annoying telephone calls from an unknown male.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Off-duty police officer reported a driver used an external P.A. system and ordered another vehicle to "Pull over to the right and get out of the car with your hands up." Officer said the Jeep appeared to be traveling with another Jeep and drivers were just playing around. Located the vehicle and a courtesy notice was left advising of the CVC violation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed a subject lying on the side of the street at Ocean and Dolores having a seizure. Requested paramedics and stood by until the subject was transported to CHOMP for additional medical attention.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a vehicle fire at Monte Verde. Cadillac found with entire engine compartment engulfed and fire continuing down the gutter. Three department fire extinguishers and a garden hose used to control the fire until CFD arrived. Driver reported he had trouble starting the vehicle and then heard a popping sound and observed flames coming from underneath the hood of the vehicle. He exited the vehicle and called 911. CFD advised the cause of the fire appeared to be a fuel system malfunction.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Received a 911 disturbance call from a San Antonio resident saying her upstairs neighbor was assaulting her. Upon arrival there was no assault and she had not contacted her upstairs neighbor. Contacted subject's brother and advised him of ongoing problems. Suggested he or another family member may want to visit the subject to evaluate her mental condition.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a barking dog at Carpenter and Fifth. No one home. Business card left.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of subjects loitering in front of Carmel Drug store who appeared to be under 18 years of age. Contact made and verified all were 18 years or older and are old friends visiting during Christmas vacation from different col-

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leges.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject hanging her wet clothes on a stop sign at San Antonio and Fourth. Upon arrival contacted the subject and told her not to let her clothes dry on the stop sign because it obscures the sign. She removed the clothes.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: San Antonio resident called 911 because she was involved in a verbal dispute with an upstairs tenant. Matter was resolved and subject advised to stay away from and not bother her tenant.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a suspicious white paper bag with handles left on the side of the road at Torres and Mountain View by a male adult. Area checked, gone on arrival.

Big Sur: Report of a runner who failed to meet his sister at Pfeiffer State Park after running from Bottcher's Gap along the Mt. Manual Trail. Around 8 p.m. the sheriff's search and rescue team responded to conduct a search. At 2 a.m., the runner was found at Vado Camp by two of his friends. He appeared to be suffering from hypothermia. He was given food and extra clothing and a fire was built for warming. At 4 a.m. they began hiking and eventually made it out around 7 a.m. The runner said he had lost the trail south of Vado Camp and decided to spend the night at the camp along the way when it got dark. He declined further medical treatment.

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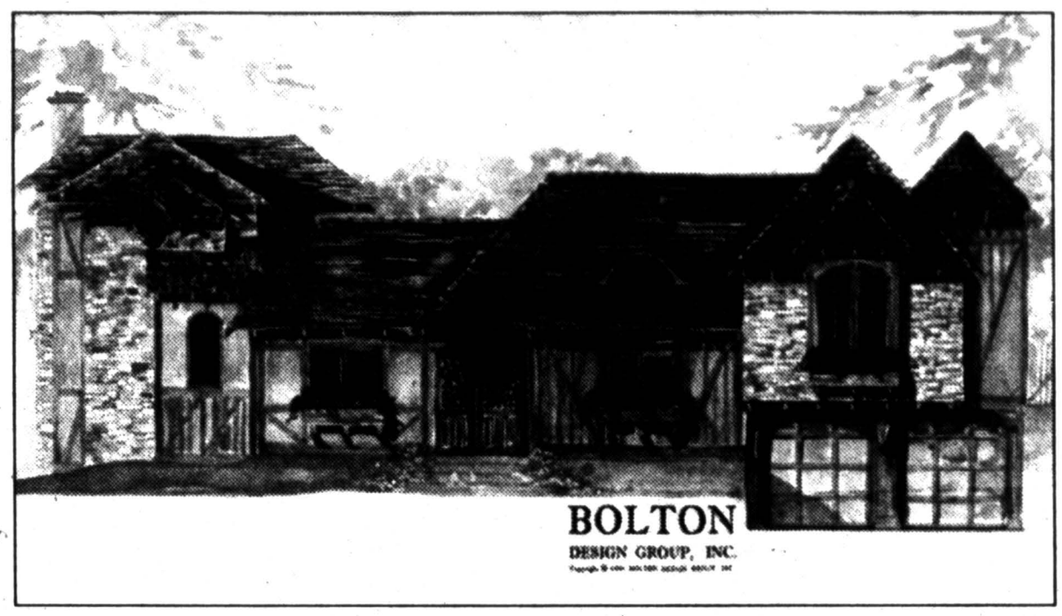

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VALLEY VIEWS! This contemporary "Stone Post and Flower" home, accented by antique stained glass windows, is on an oak-studded .70 acre lot on a quiet cul-de-sac. Two-bedrooms, 2-baths, redwood paneling, patio & deck. $650,000.

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Holiday GIFT GUIDE

A Christmas at home

- One store's specialty: gifts you make yourself
- Giving your friends a slice of local history
- County offers plenty of opportunities to donate
- Antique Christmas ornaments

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE CARMEL PINE CONE AND THE CALIFORNIAN

Central Coast residents asked to brighten a stranger's holiday

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE HOLIDAY season can be a lonely time for some locals, particularly the homebound who often see only their caregivers from the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice during a time typically filled with family and friends.

To remind their patients that people love and care about them, VNA nurses bring cards filled with holiday wishes to as many of their patients as possible.

"We would love to have people send holiday cards addressed to the patients," the VNA's Margie McCurry said. "Sometimes our staff are the only people our patients see during the holidays — their families may be a long way away. It just makes such a difference knowing someone out there is thinking about them, even if they don't know them personally."

McCurry encouraged people to write whatever they like in the cards and then forward them to the VNA, which will deliver the cards to their patients. A simple, "Happy holidays! I'm thinking of you," or similar sentiment will suffice.

"Some write very, very warm notes, sometimes they are just signed, or there might be no signature at all," she said.

Third grade touch

When Pacific Grove resident Sandra McGowan learned of the VNA's need for cards, she got her daughter, Alyssa, in on the project. Alyssa and her 17 classmates at Robert Down School are making cards to deliver to VNA patients. A class at Monterey Bay Christian Center is also making cards, McGowan said.

"It's important for children to learn that there are people in this world who don't get everything they want or need," she said. Rather than buying cards for the children to sign, McGowan thought making them would have a more personal touch.

"During the Christmas season, everybody thinks, 'I've gotta get it, gotta get it, gotta get it — everything's gotta be for me,'" she said. "I want my daughter to think giving is better than getting."

The holiday card project reminds everyone of the gift of giving, according to McCurry.

"After Sept. 11, people are feeling very sensitive about the worth of family and caring about people we don't even know," McCurry said. "This is one way for the people sending the cards to feel good, as well as the people receiving them and nurses who deliver them. We all need a little bit more feeling good right now."

Visiting nurses provide all kinds of care in the homes of people of all ages, from children with broken bones to people approaching the end of their lives. The VNA makes more than 70,000 home health visits every year in Monterey and San Benito counties.

"VNA nurses are out there 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," she said. "They will be seeing many patients on Christmas day."

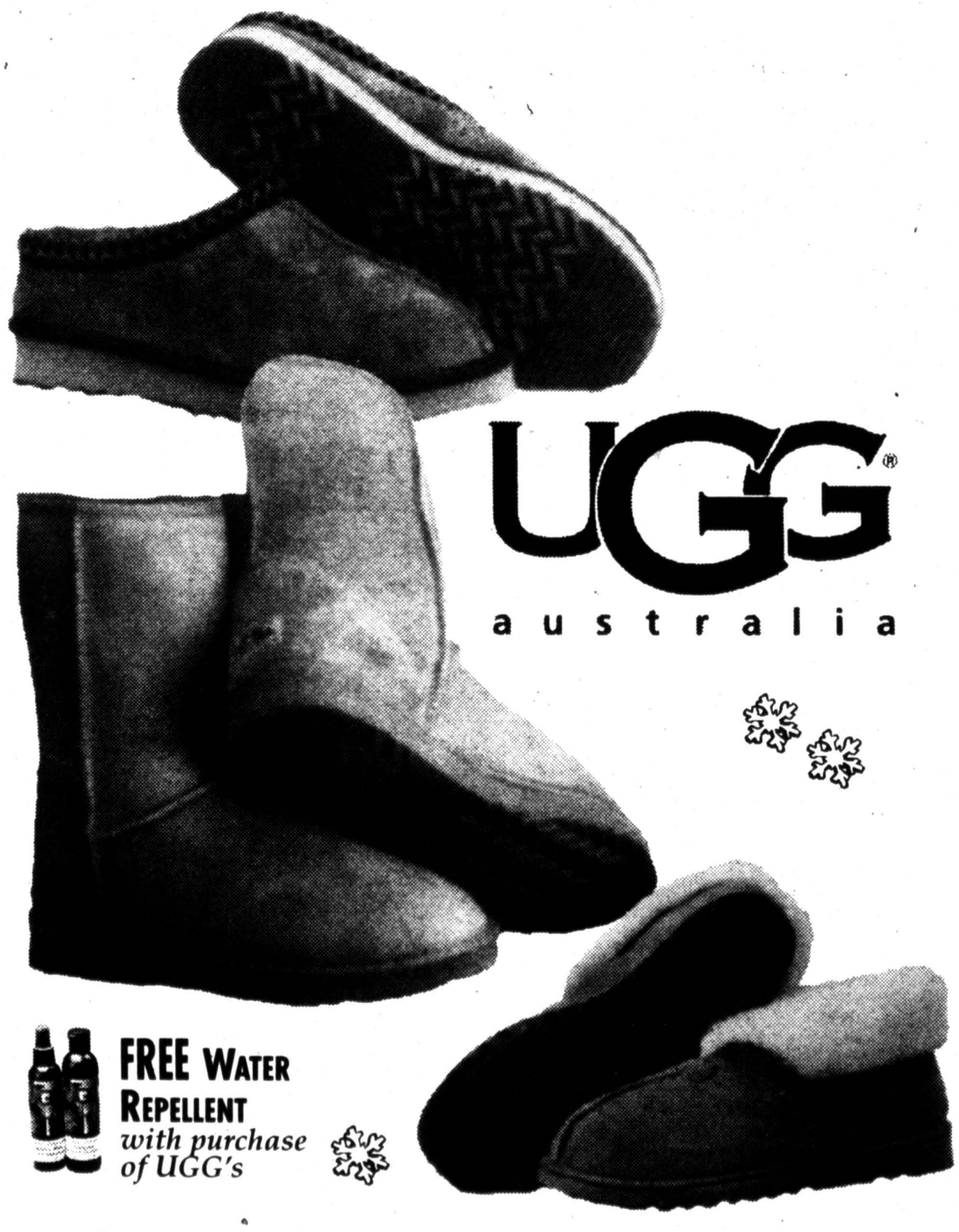
Ideally those nurses will have a card for every patient they see during the holidays.

To help a VNA patient feel a little warmer this season, just send a holiday card and whatever greeting you wish to VNA Patient, P.O. Box 2480, Monterey, CA 93942. For information, contact the VNA at 648-3710.

Time for miniatures at CAA

PHOTO/ MELISSA LOFTON

The Christmas Miniature show at the Carmel Art Association is always a well-attended exhibit — and all of the small paintings and drawings by CAA members are for sale. The original artwork will be on display through Jan. 2, 2002. Shown with miniatures in the Beardsley Room at the CAA galleries, Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel-by-the-Sea, are Susanne Mumme, Director Janet Howell and Carmen DeVida.



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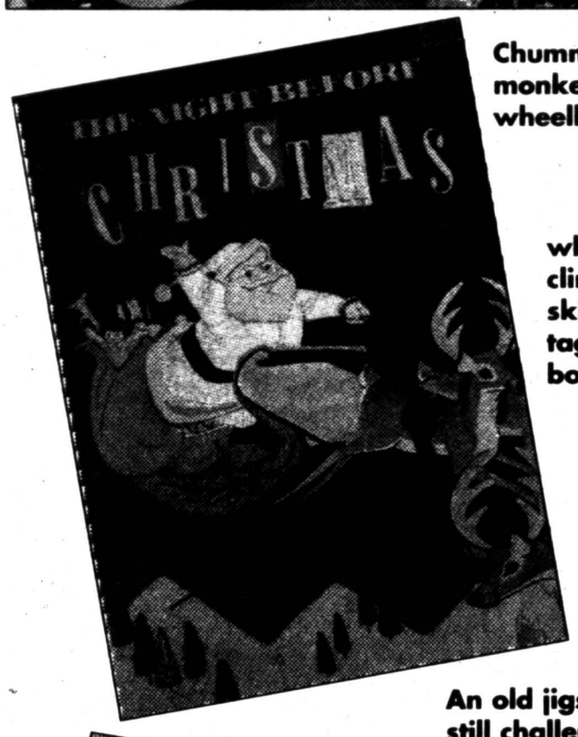

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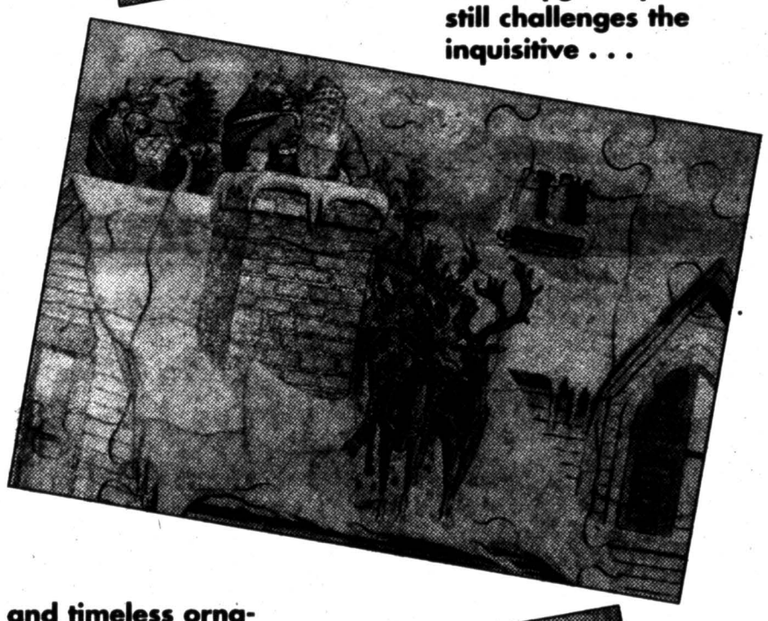

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On the Cover

The Carmel Pine Cone graciously thanks the local merchants who allowed us to photograph the festive wares in their stores for our Gift Guide cover.

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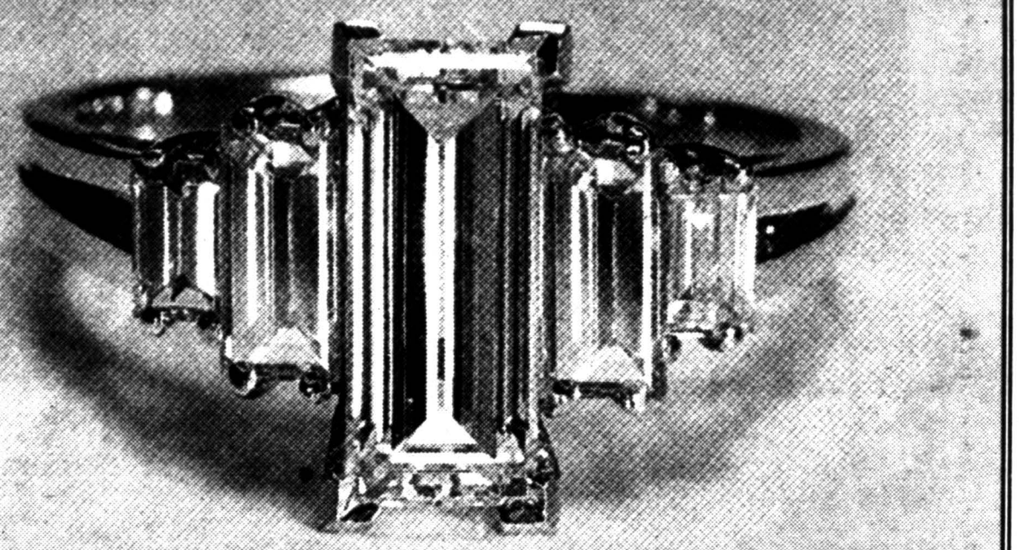

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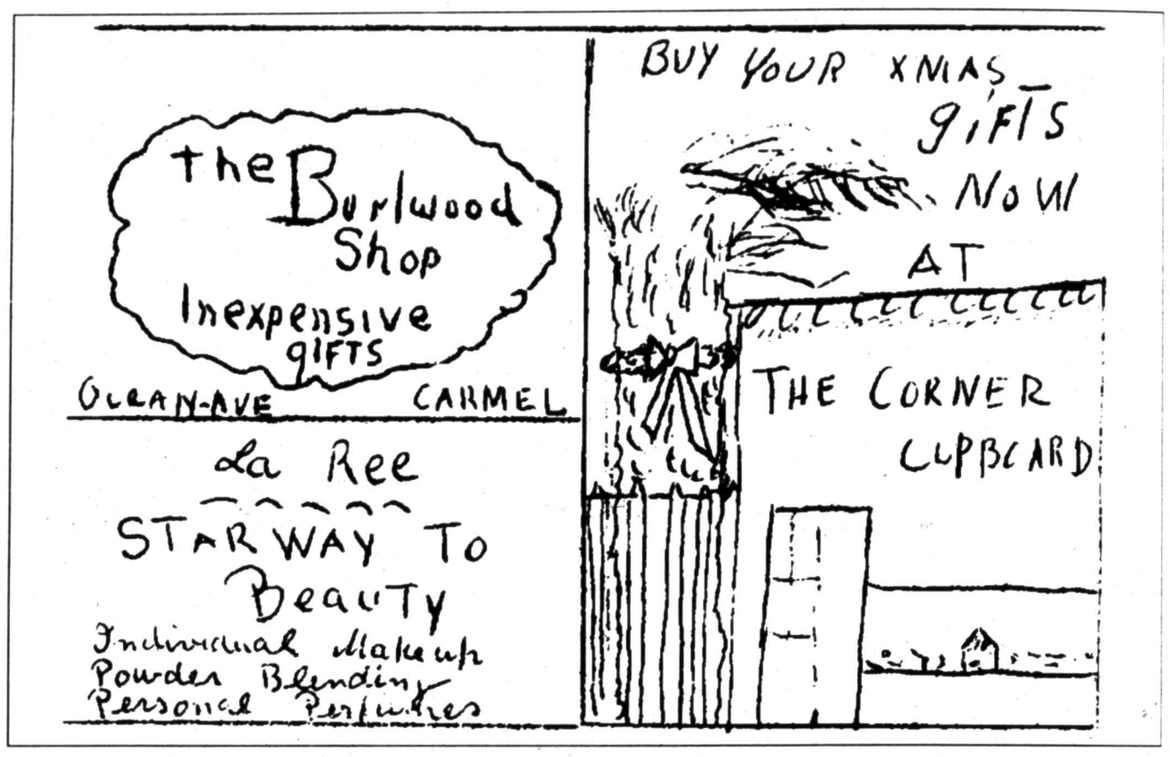
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Recollections of Christmases past

By SISSI MALEKI

BACK IN the '40s, kids in Carmel's Sunset School had more than enough to do during Christmas holidays. Still vivid in Owen Greenan's memory were the pageants.

"The kids would get so excited over the Christmas plays' glittery costumes and elaborate sets," he recalls. Coincidentally, one of the performing kids was Dick Cox Sargent, later "Darrin" of "Bewitched" television fame, "an extraordinarily bright kid," says his former schoolmate.

The first Carmel school district superintendent, Otto Bardarson, encouraged teachers to write their own plays, says Owen. Bardarson was the force behind building of the Sunset



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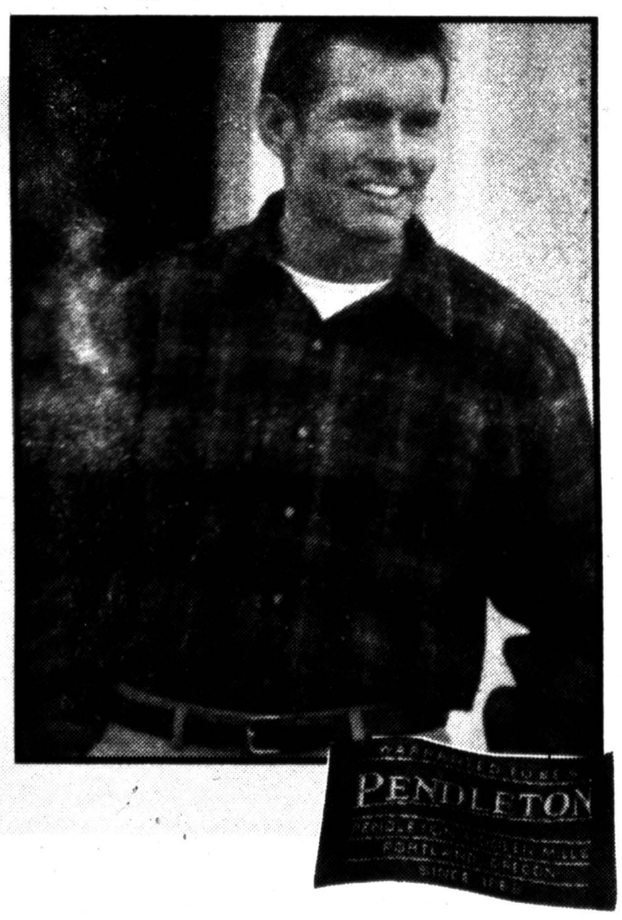

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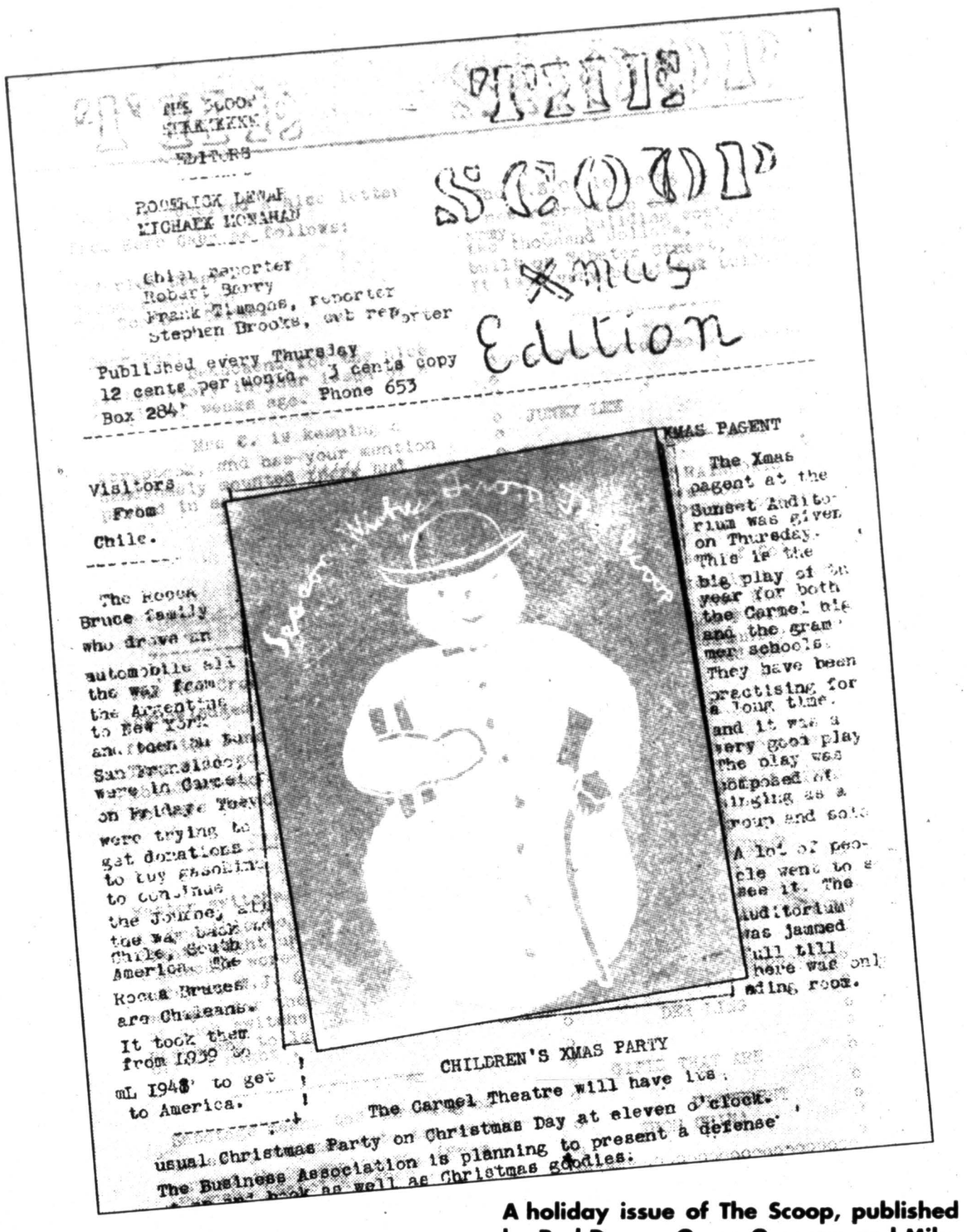
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Visitors From Chile.

The Rogers Bruce family who drove an automobile all the way from Argentine to New York and then San Francisco were in Carmel on Friday. They were trying to get donations to buy gasoline to continue the journey, as the war broke out in Chile, South America. The Rogers Bruces are Chileans. It took them from 1939 to mid 1943 to get to America.

XMAS PAGENT

The Xmas pagent at the Sunset Auditorium was given on Thursday. This is the big play of the year for both the Carmel high and the grammer schools. They have been practising for a long time. and it was a very good play The play was composed of singing as a group and solo. A lot of people went to see it. The auditorium was jammed full till there was only standing room.

CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY

The Carmel Theatre will have its usual Christmas Party on Christmas Day at eleven o'clock. The Business Association is planning to present a defense

A holiday issue of The Scoop, published by Rod Dewar, Owen Greenan and Mike Monahan.

auditorium and Carmel High School. Until then, Carmel kids had to go to Monterey High School.

Unfortunately, just before one of the scheduled Christmas performances, Mr. Bardarson suffered a fatal heart attack and the play was cancelled, to the great disappointment of the kids.

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Christmas was also the time to go after more ads for the school newspaper, The Scoop, which had a circulation of about 200.

Published by three sixth graders, Rod Dewar, Owen Greenan and Mike Monahan, it was the fourth "newspaper" for Carmel, competing for readership against The Carmel Pine Cone, the Cymbal and the Gazette. It was sold on Ocean Avenue for three cents.

"That's what the Chicago Tribune and the New York Times charged," recalls Owen, "and, being precocious little kids, we felt we should charge the same thing."

As for material, everything heard was fair game.

"Kids would listen to their parents' conversations and before you knew it, it was in the paper!"

Originally printed with a hectograph, which used a gelatin surface to produce copies with purple print, some parents eventually subsidized the purchase of a mimeograph machine, making the process easier and more attractive.

Ad illustrations, printed with linoleum blocks, were drawn by Bob Barry ("a marvelous artist"), who later went on to a successful career with the San Jose Mercury News. Ads in The Scoop went for 25 cents each.

"People continued to be amused by us so everybody was more than happy to help us, though the ads were more to fill the pages rather than earn money," says Owen.

A serial, "The Haunted House," was written by Roland Vandenberg, who reportedly kept it going because he didn't know how to end it. Vandenberg, whose father was an exiled Dutch diplomat during WW II, later went on to become an ambassador himself.

The young editors were so spunky, they even held their ground during the national emergency following Dec. 7, 1941.

'Kids would listen to their parents' conversations and before you knew it, it was in the paper!'

— Owen Greenan

"We got the news about Pearl Harbor and rushed over to the garage where we'd do all the printing," remembers Rod Dewar. "But before we were finished, a civil defense guy came and told us we had to stop and turn off the lights. We told him, 'What do you mean we have to stop?...You're interfering with the freedom of the press!'" They got that issue done and it was soon being hawked on Ocean Avenue.

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Clyde Klaumann, son of Carmel's longtime police chief who passed away this year, has fond memories from his Christmases as a little "hellion."

"One year, when I was 8, dad found a perfect Christmas pine tree up on the Carmel hill road, near where Highway 1 is now. Since he was already well known, he didn't want people to see him cutting down the tree on a public right of way. So he staked it out and prepared to go get it at night. He told me I had

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1940s

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to be the lookout, and honk the horn only if I saw a car coming. Well, being the hellion I was, just as I heard him start to saw, I honked the horn. That got him running downhill toward the car. But as he got to the car, he tripped and boom! He hit the car. I told him I really thought I had seen car lights. So he went back up and started with the saw again. I thought, 'Hmm, I wonder if I can get him to do it again,' so I honked again. Sure enough, he rolled down the hill, tripped again and boom! Hit the car again. Of course, this time he really chewed me out!"

Christmas was also the time to be generous with gifts. Fortunately, not everyone had the same idea of mischievous generosity that Clyde had. One year, he wanted to buy a gift for his friend, Dave Tobiasen, who tended to be shy around girls. So Clyde went to Womble's Drugstore in town and got some condoms.

"Mr. Womble laughed the whole time he wrapped it for me," Clyde remembers. "I attached a card to it which said, 'To Dave, from Mr. You-Need-Them' and left it for him at his house. Of course, he opened the box in front of his whole family, grandmother, aunts and everybody!"

Practical jokes aside, years later Clyde knew he had a good thing when he was recruited by Pam Baldwin for the Christmas Capers, an annual community show held by the Carmel Youth Center.

"Bing Crosby used to bring all these great costumes from Hollywood for us to use," Clyde recalls.

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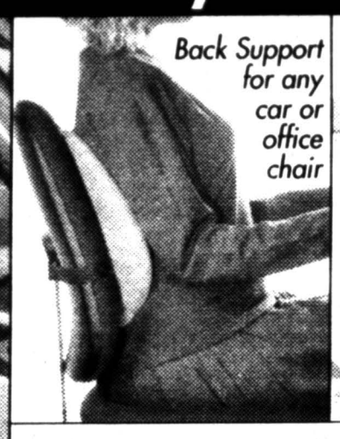

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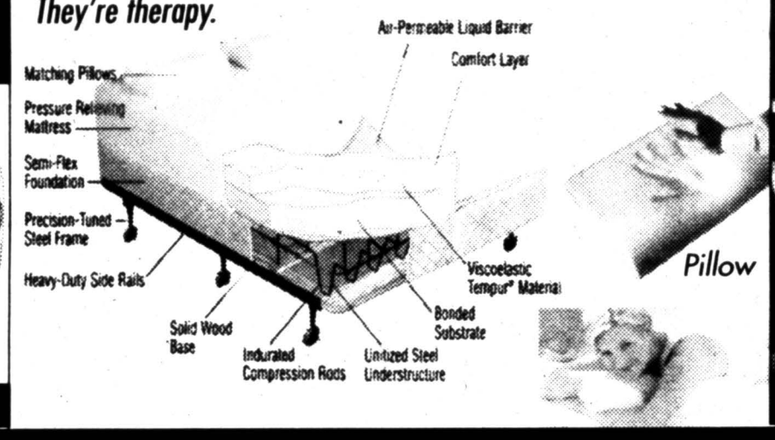

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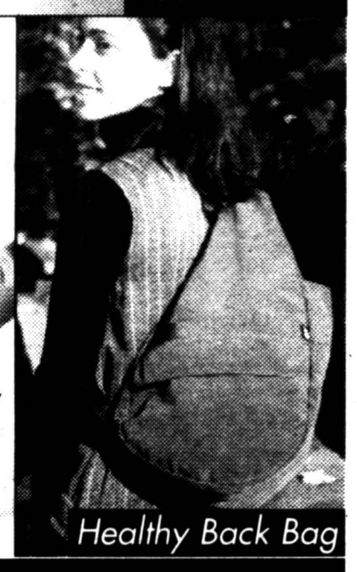

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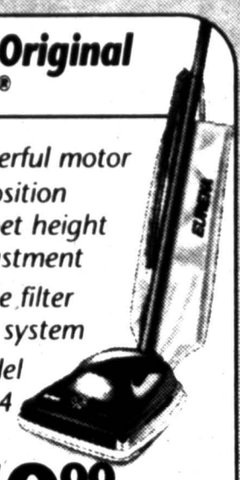

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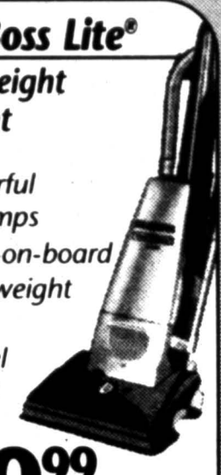

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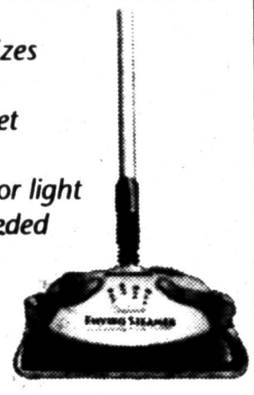

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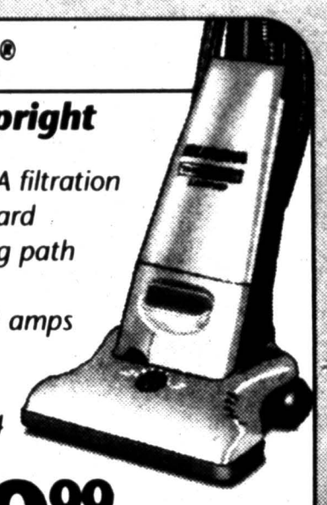

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By TAMARA GRIPPI

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WITHOUT PAT Hathaway, many of the photographs capturing cherished moments of Monterey County's past would surely have been lost.

Hathaway, the unofficial historian of this area, has amassed a treasure trove of 80,000 original photographs — in many cases, the only surviving record of significant people and events in local history.

For the last 31 years, the community has called on Hathaway to provide his one-of-a-kind prints — capturing everything from scenes of turn-of-the-century Carmel to the impressive construction of Bixby Creek Bridge in 1932 — which are all available for purchase. During the holiday season, people looking for unique gifts that offer a sense of local history should consider stopping by Hathaway's store, California Views, on Pacific Street in Monterey.

The prints are all printed by Hathaway himself, using special enlargers that can handle large format negatives up to 8-by-10 inches to produce the historic images.

Longtime residents often appreciate the photographs in Hathaway's collection as a connection to the traditions of the past. One print captures the close-knit tree lighting ceremony on Ocean Avenue in 1926.

Another shows the Carmel Mission during its period of neglect — with its roof caved in and weeds growing in the courtyard.

A third print — even rarer, shows a view of Carmel Point in 1905 — with nary a tree or a house in sight where large, forested neighborhoods have since taken root.

Hathaway said even people who have

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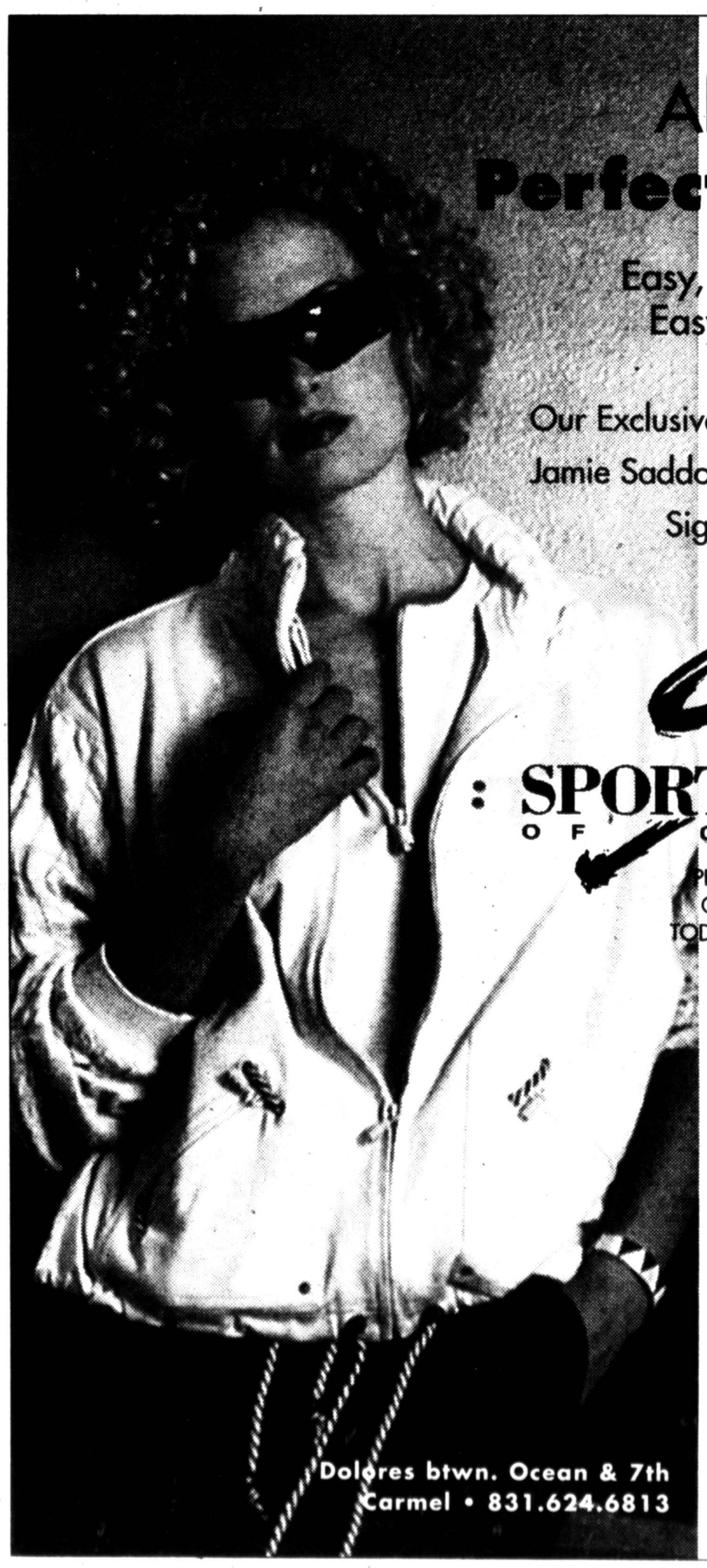

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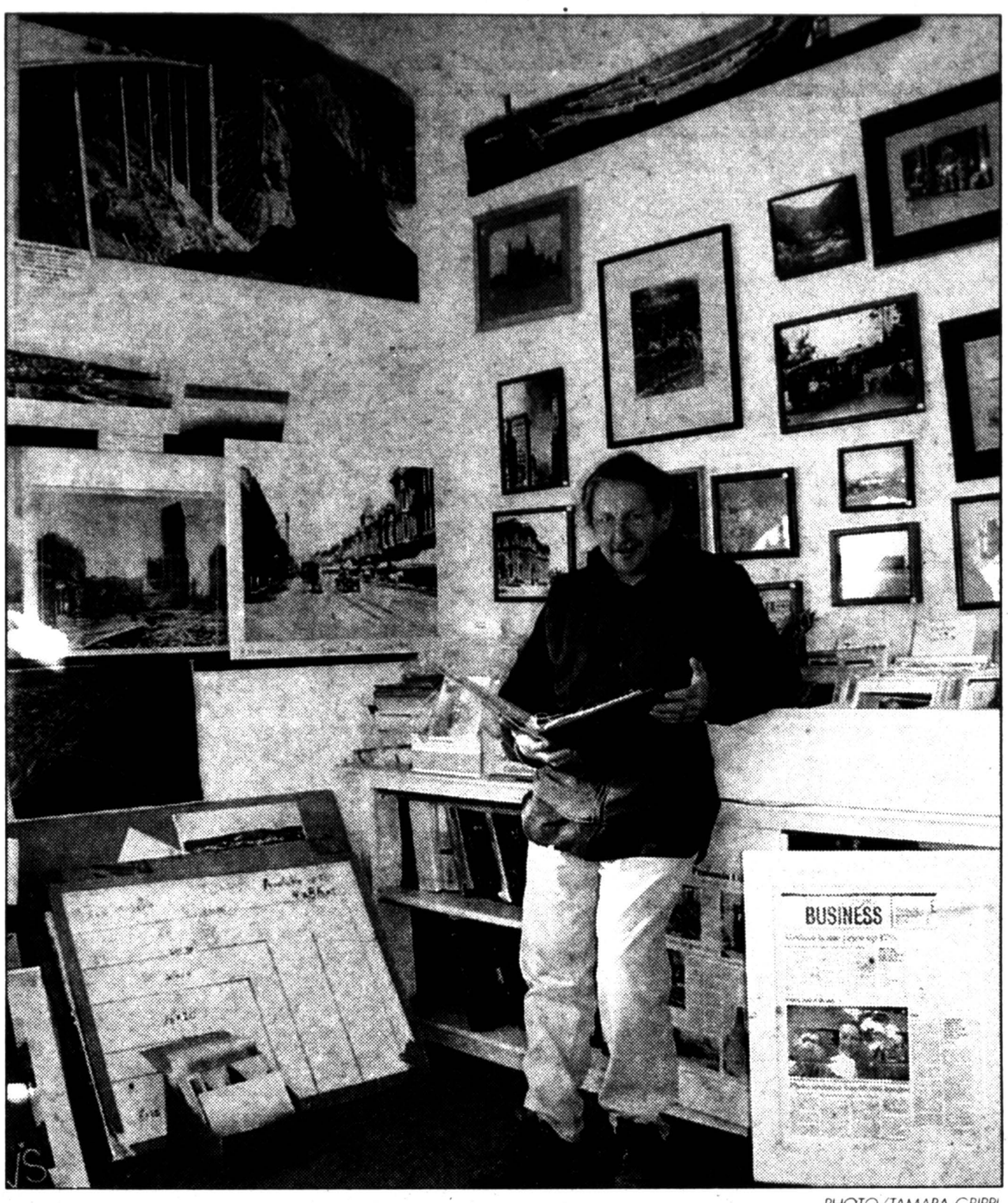

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Pat Hathaway stands among the prints in his Monterey shop, California Views. Many passersby who wander in to browse mistakenly think they've entered a museum rather than a store.

only spent a short time on the Peninsula years ago are eager to find photographs of the old days.

"People in the military who were stationed here will say, 'I spent my honeymoon in Carmel. Do you have any old pictures of the Carmel Mission?'" Hathaway said.

Hathaway is only too happy to be able to provide people with the snippet of time they seek. "It's a labor of love," he said. "Some people see it as more of a museum than a business. They'll come and look and don't seem to realize that the prints are for sale also."

Perhaps people mistake Hathaway's studio for a museum because Hathaway is such a proficient curator of the Peninsula's past. Not only does he preserve the negatives, but he also conducts research to find out as much as he can about the photographers and their work.

Numerous Monterey County cities, including Carmel, have contacted Hathaway over the years to find photographs to be included in historical documents and reports.

Half of the photographs featured at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas — including 1940s photographs of Cannery Row, packing sheds in Salinas, Chinese fishermen and a picture of Steinbeck himself — came from Hathaway's collection.

Hathaway is also contributing numerous photographs to Smithsonian Magazines' feature on John Steinbeck that will come out in January to commemorate the author's 100th birthday.

Hathaway provided a wonderful photograph of Robinson Jeffers at Hawk Tower, taken in 1929, to Tor House Foundation.

One of his charming prints captures Ocean Avenue in 1905, when the pines in the middle of the street are just saplings.

Hathaway's unique career began more than 30 years ago when a collection of 5,000 priceless photographs of local history just landed in his lap.

Images rescued from oblivion

The widow of local photographer Lewis Josselyn came to Hathaway and asked for help hauling her husband's work to the dump. She had already contacted numerous organizations including the Carmel library, and nobody wanted the photographs, Hathaway said.

Not being able to bear the thought of throwing away the collection, Hathaway decided to keep it himself.

"It was both amazing and depressing," Hathaway said. "When you think 30 years ago, people didn't have the foresight to see the value. It's as if you were to take an LP and say, 'We don't have anything to play it on.' It's the same with those old negatives. People said, 'We can't print these anymore.'"

But Hathaway didn't give up hope. He found an old enlarger that could print the historic images. As word got out, people started asking for prints that brought back their childhood or cap-

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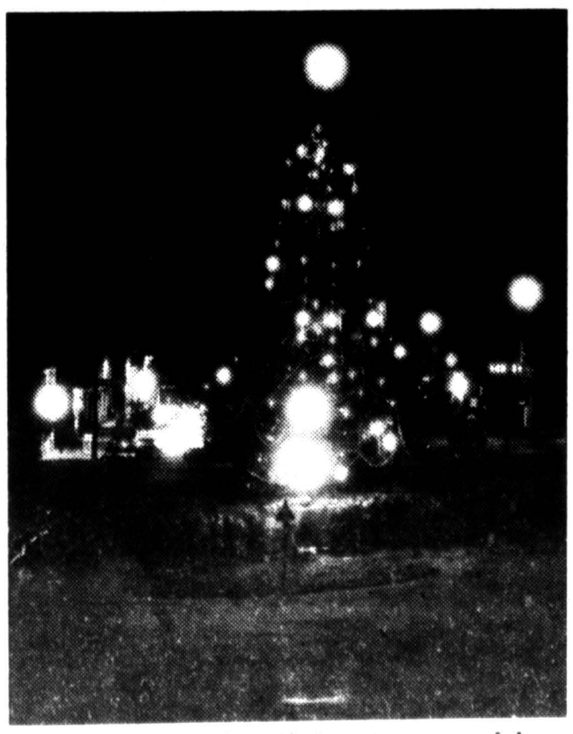

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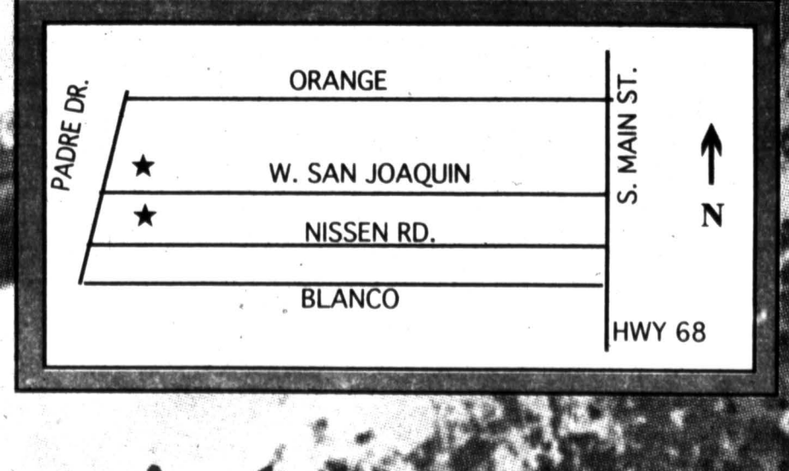


Get to know us... we're in your neighborhood!

SPCA offers advice to those planning on putting a Pomeranian or a Persian under the tree

By MARY BROWNFIELD

PEOPLE IN search of the perfect, incomparable, unique gift may be tempted to tie a bright red bow around the neck of a kitten, puppy or other pet and bestow it upon a loved one, but the SPCA cautions against such gestures.

"We would certainly encourage people to give a nice stuffed animal, wrapped up in pretty package and placed under the tree," said SPCA Executive Director Gary Tiscornia. "But if you want to bring a live animal into the home, it's best to do it one week before the holidays or one week after, so the animal doesn't get swept up in the confusion, the hustle and bustle of the holiday itself."

New pets need quality time with their owners in their new home to get properly settled, Tiscornia said. The holidays, with all their accompanying activities and visitors, might not present the best environment for the task.

"To have a lifelong pet, the first step of socialization and introduction takes time without distractions," he said. "Everyone will be happier in the long run."

But if adopting a pet is first on your wish list, the SPCA also has some helpful advice:

■ Discuss the prospect of a new pet with the recipient. "Make sure that person wants a dog and not a cat, a St. Bernard and not a small dog," he said. "There's nothing like a good dialogue."

■ Make sure your pet is comfortable before the house guests arrive, or wait until after they leave to bring the animal home.

■ Watch out for doors and gates left open — the SPCA always sees a rise in the number of stray and lost pets around the holidays, according to community services director Lisa Hoefler. And to make sure a lost pet will get returned, be sure your dog or cat has a collar with I.D., and even better, a microchip.

"The procedure takes just a matter of minutes. It's the injection of a very small microchip — about the size of a grain of rice — between the shoulder blades," she said. "We're just so thrilled when we get a cat in here that has a chip, because we can get it scanned and get it back to its owner. There are so many cats that look alike — but the chip is definitive."

The SPCA will implant microchips for $25 per animal ($20 per additional animal living at the same address), and many other shelters and vets offer the service as well, according to Hoefler.

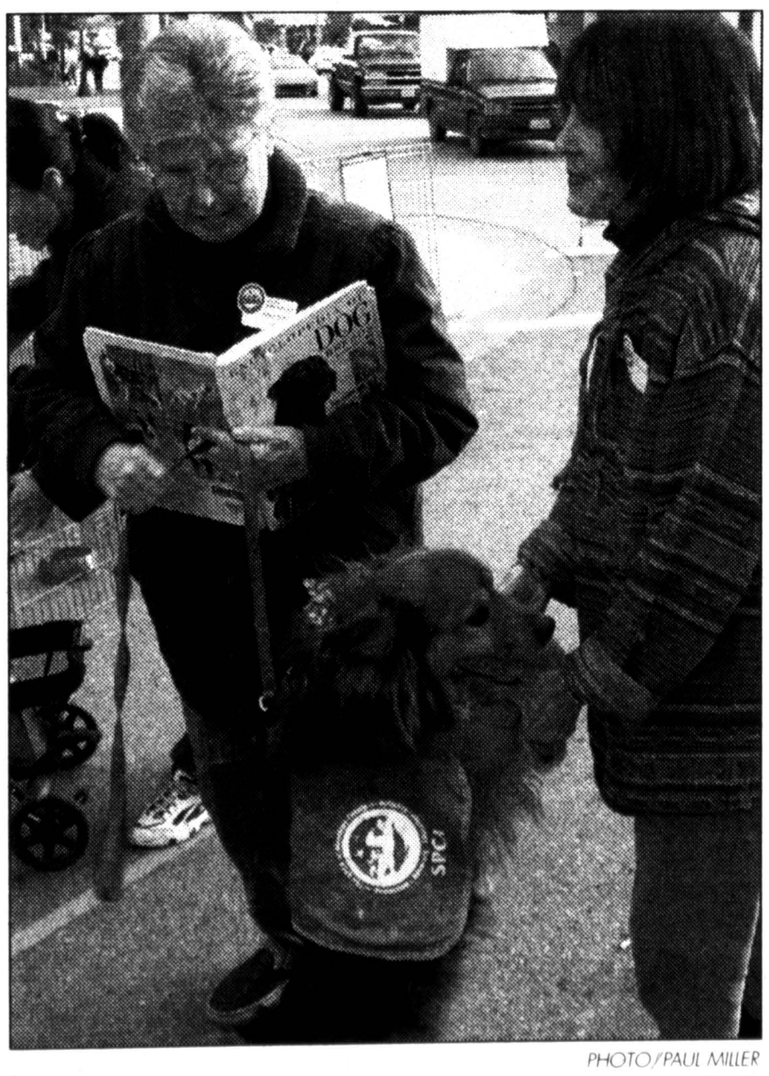
■ Seemingly innocent holiday items like chocolate, tinsel and poinsettias can be dangerous, even fatal, to animals. Skittish cats have been known to climb Christmas trees and bring them tumbling down, Tiscornia warned.

But with care, consultation and information, Peninsula residents itching to adopt will likely find the perfect pet at the SPCA.

"We certainly see a greater interest in adoptions — we're always in the business of encouraging adoptions, getting animals re-homed," Tiscornia said. "That's what we're here for, but we do provide a little additional counseling this time of year."

In its continuing effort to find homes for its animal residents, the SPCA will have adoptable pets available Dec. 15 and 22 on Alvarado Street during the Christmas fair from noon to 3 p.m., and at Mid Valley Shopping Center Dec. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on adoptions, the microchip program or gift certificates for an adoptable animal, call the SPCA at 373-2631.



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In its mission to find a home for every animal in its shelter, the SPCA offers off-site adoptions all over the Peninsula.

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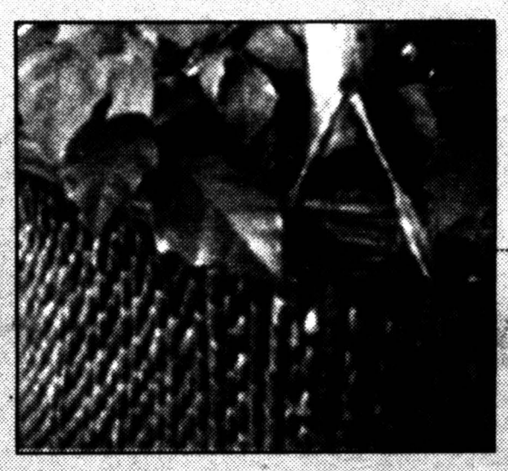

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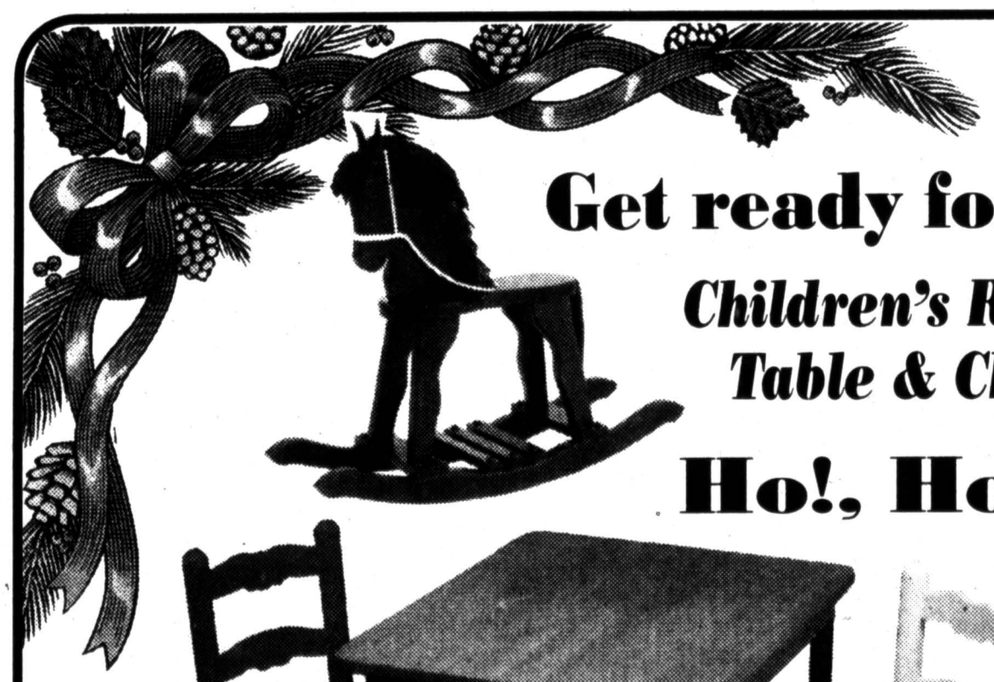

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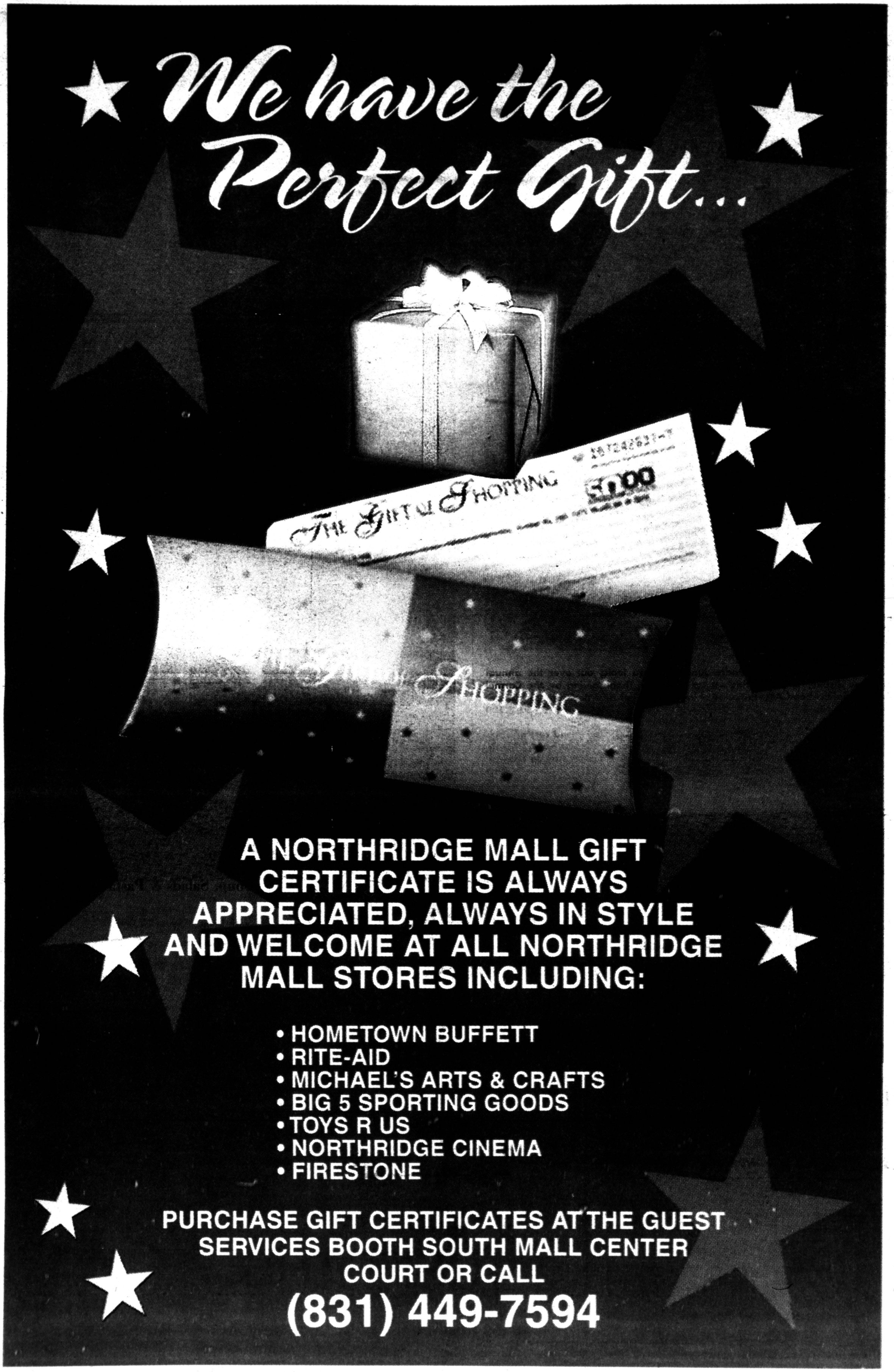

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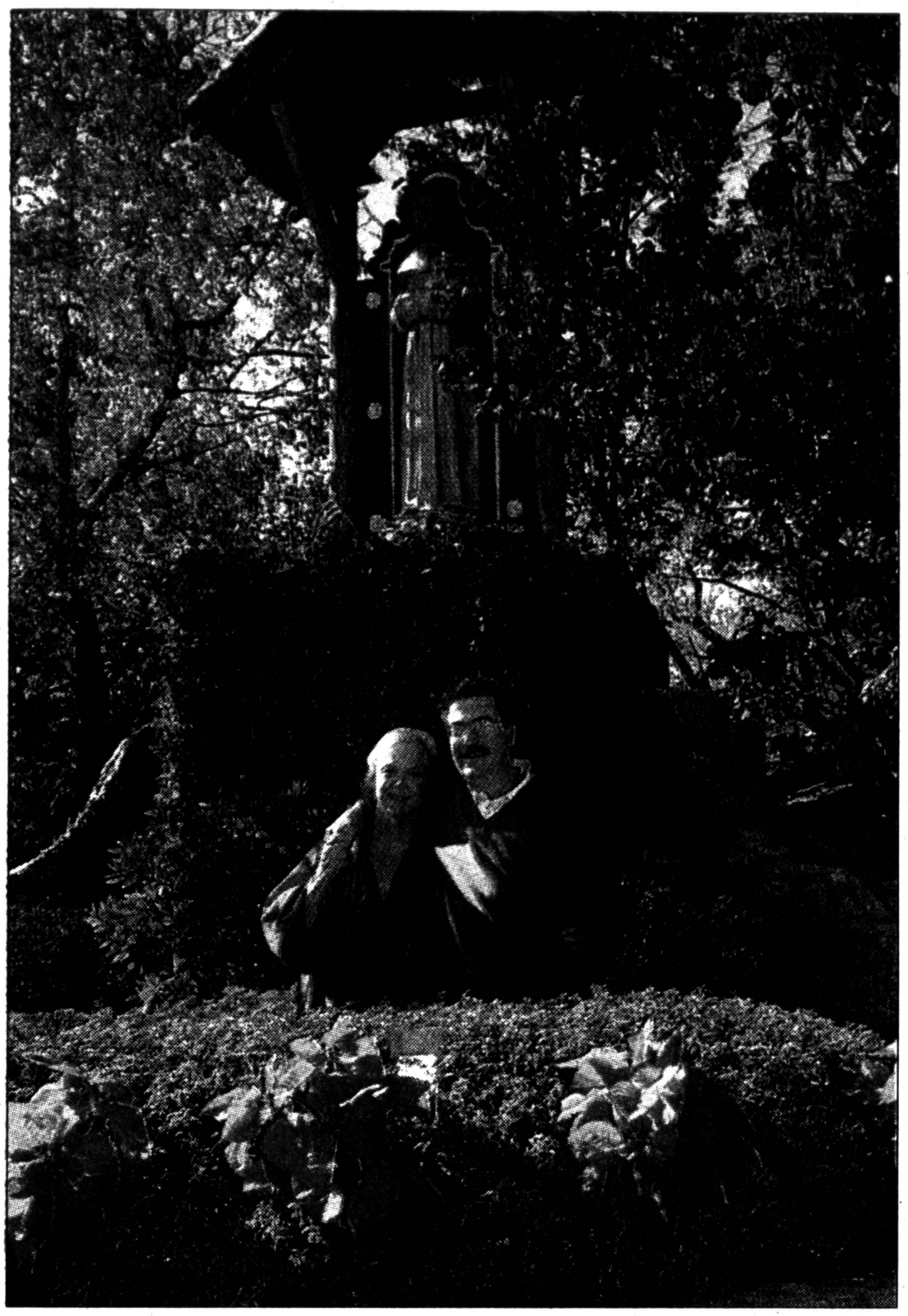

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ALL SET for the holidays, Padre Junipero Serra looks out over the annual Christmas display of poinsettias set up just after Thanksgiving by the Carmel Woods Neighborhood Association. Richard Warren, president of the association, and his wife, Barbara, organized the display, which comes on top of a $2,500 donation made by the group last year to ensure upkeep of the historic statue.

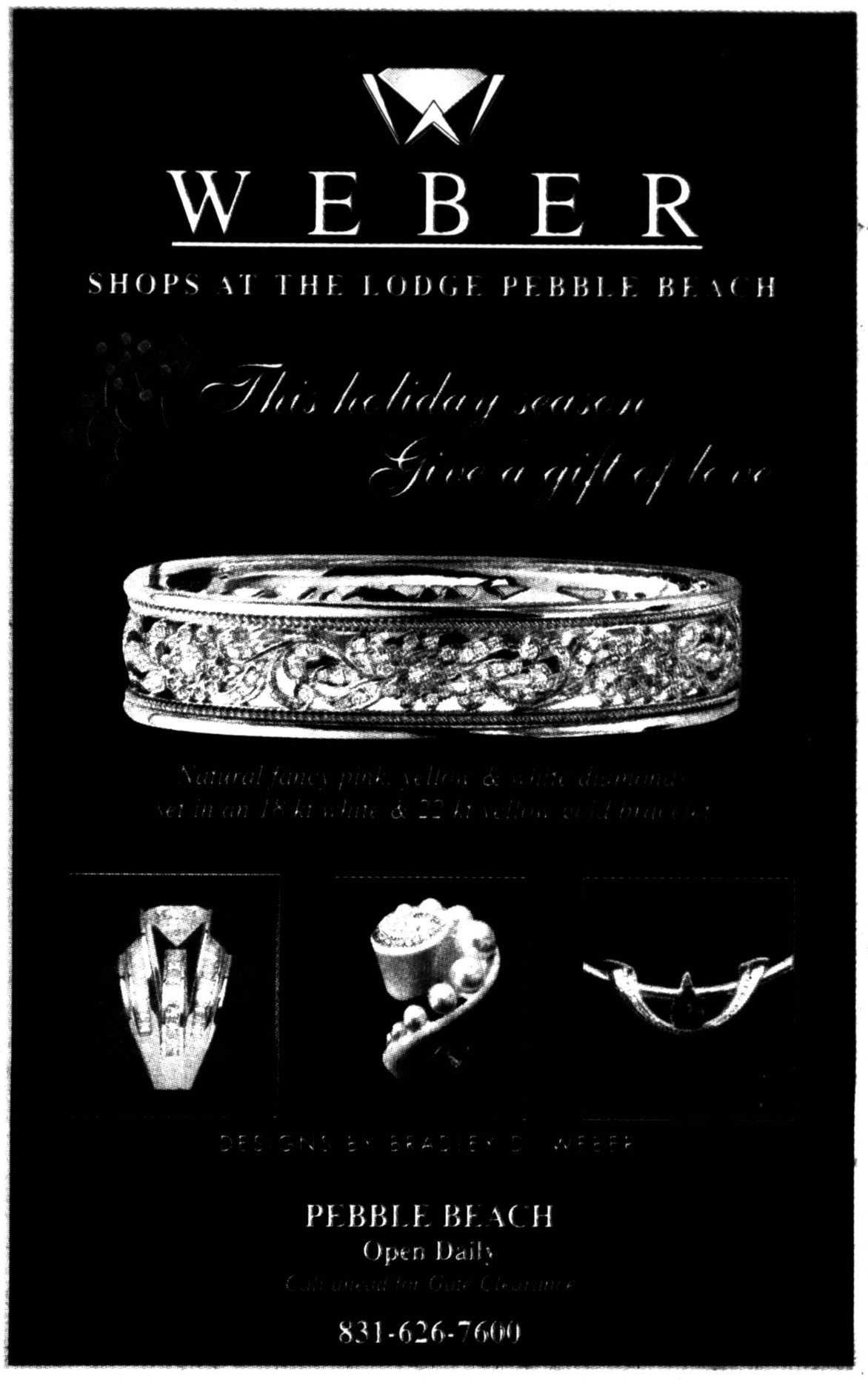
It marks the spot where Franciscan padres stopped to pray and rest on their way from Monterey to Carmel. The statue, at the intersection Camino del Monte and Carpenter, was commissioned by S.F.B. Morse and completed by Jo Mora in 1926. Carmel Woods residents consider it the historic doorway to their neighborhood and all of Carmel.

The association, with 75 members, meets quarterly to help protect the quality of life in Carmel Woods.

Now especially: Don't drink and drive

THE CALIFORNIA Restaurant Association and the California Highway Patrol are worried about you and your loved ones: With more than 300 Monterey County motorists injured last year in drinking-and-driving accidents, the association and CHP send an unequivocal message: Don't drink and drive.

With holiday celebrations already started, they advise having a designated driver in your party.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tured a wonderful moment in history.

Hathaway began adding to the collection by calling all the photographers listed in a 1924 phone book who were still alive. Many were willing to sell their work.

His equipment can produce prints ranging in size from 8-by-10 to 20-by-30 inches. However, with the help of a lab in San Francisco, Hathaway once created a 44-square-foot mural for a restaurant in Reno.

He also created the murals for the American Tin Cannery, the Monterey Bay Aquarium and numerous local restaurants.

More than 100 books feature photographs from the Pat Hathaway collection.

Hathaway, a photographer in his own right, was hired by the State of California to document the recent retrofit of Bixby Creek Bridge. His photographs serve as a remarkable counterpoint to the picture of the original construction.

For the chance to own original photographs capturing unique moments in local history, Hathaway's prices are remarkably reasonable. An 8-by-10 black and white print is $40; an 11-by-14 black and white print is $55.

And for the holidays, Hathaway is offering a half price sale on all his prints that will continue until Dec. 21.

His website: **www.caviews.com** features 31 of his images available for purchase.

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Local cleaners challenge community to make sure every kid has a coat

By MARY BROWNFIELD

NO CHILD should be cold this winter, organizers of the Coats for Kids clothing drive believe. Two Peninsula businesses — Country Club Cleaners and Owl Cleaners — have offered to clean and repair donated coats and distribute them to those who need them through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County.

"This is a brand new program," said Jeanie Gould of the Boys & Girls Clubs. The charity was approached by Country Club Cleaners owner and Sunrise Rotary President Young Koh after he came across an industry newsletter article about a similar program on the East Coast and decided he wanted to start such a campaign out west.

Koh took his inspiration from dry cleaner Anton's, which has cleaned, mended and given away more than 82,000 coats to people in need over the past seven years, according to Gould.

"He decided he wanted to bring it to the West Coast, and asked us if we would be a partner," she said. "It's a great program for us and for the community."

After fixing and cleaning the donated coats, the cleaners will take them to the Boys & Girls Clubs location in Seaside, where the jackets will first be offered to the families among the membership who need them. But no one will be turned away so long as a coat is available, according to Gould.

"There's no restriction," she said. "If there are people who are in need of a coat, we'll be happy to serve them."

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County, with branches in Carmel Valley Village and Seaside, has 3,000 members who partake in its after-school programs, homework and computer centers, state-of-the-art science center, photography lab, sports programs and field trips. The club serves about 400 to 500 kids every day.

"It offers opportunities these kids might not otherwise get," she said.

The Coats for Kids drive began Dec. 1 and will continue through March 1. Anyone interested in donating a coat can drop it off at any one of five locations: Country Club Cleaners at 900 Del Monte Center or 2242 N. Fremont St., or Owl Cleaners at 153 Webster St. in Monterey, 26135 Carmel Rancho Blvd. in Carmel or 152 Country Club Gate in Pacific Grove. For more information, call Country Club Cleaners at 375-7866, Owl Cleaners at 372-3153 or the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County at 394-5171.

"I think it's a great opportunity to help the community in a way that's really easy for people to do," Gould said. "You don't have to buy something new to help — although you can if you want to — and it's all tax deductible. The community can rally around this and everyone at every level can help out."

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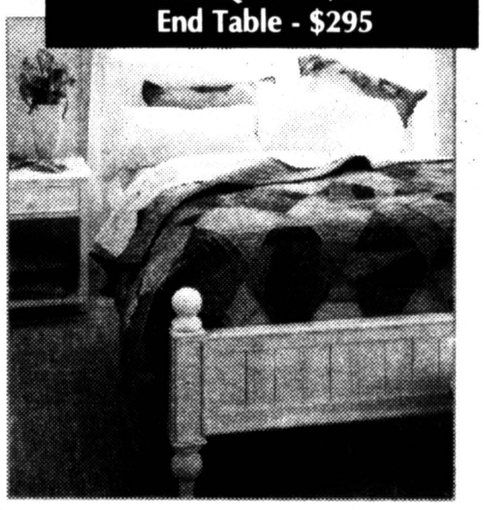

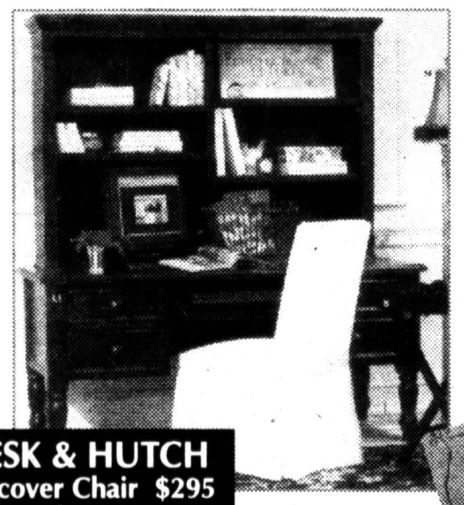

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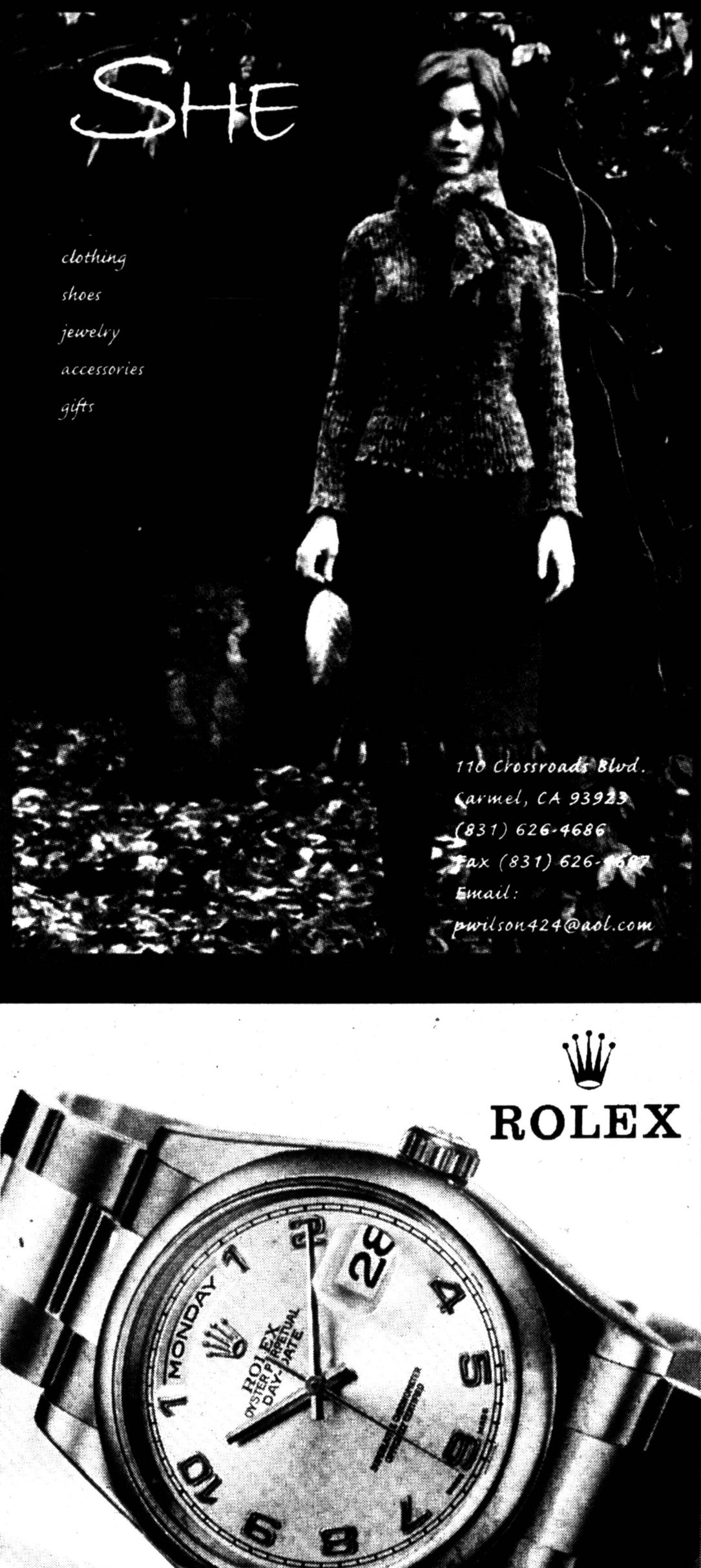

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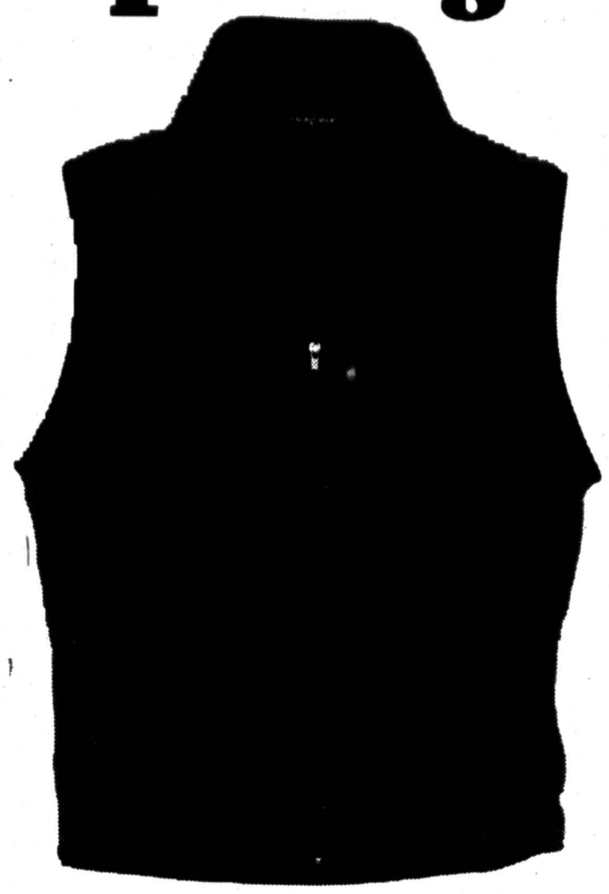

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Then for the next seven days, local families who need a helping hand are welcome to make appointments to come into the store for their own private Christmas shopping spree.

Counselors at Tularcitos School, Carmel Middle School and Carmel High are helping put together a list of families and individuals who could use a little extra help at the holidays.

Organizers are looking for gifts for children of all ages — from babies to teenagers. Unwrapped books, toys and games are all encouraged.

To help provide a proper holiday meal for deserving folks, organizers are also hoping to get canned hams, packaged dressing mix, packaged rolls, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie mix and hot cocoa mix.

Non-perishable canned goods (including soups, vegetables, spaghetti sauce, tuna, chili, juices) and staples (including sugar, flour, rice, pasta, beans, potatoes, powdered milk, peanut butter and jelly) are also needed.

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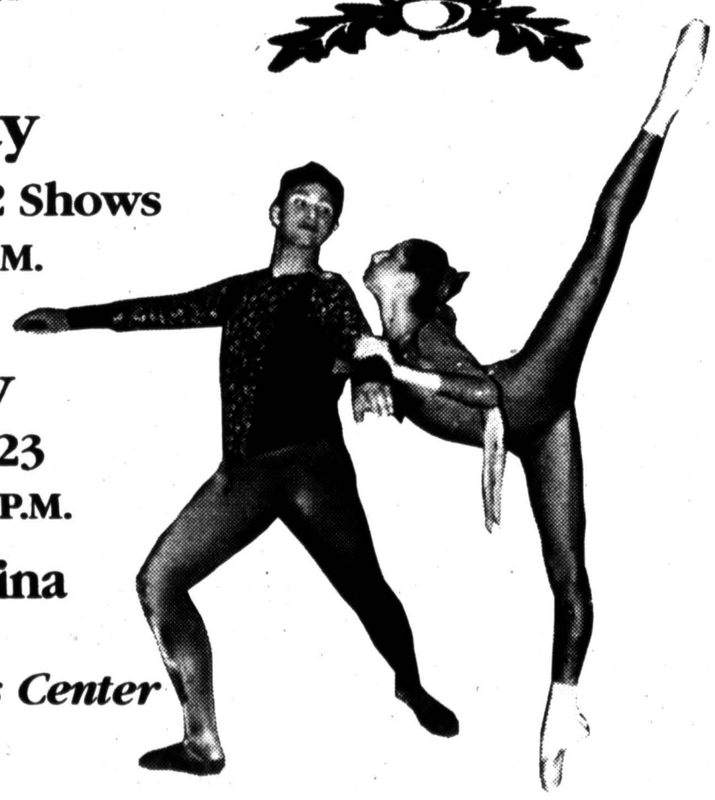

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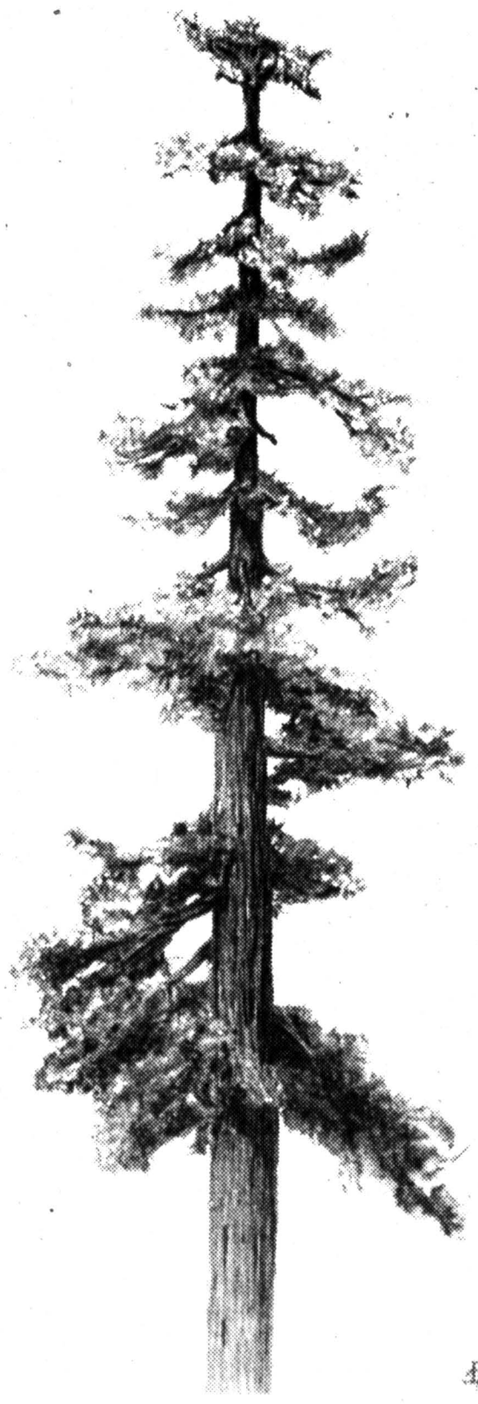

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Carmel makes merry

Citizens, school children and the merely curious converged in Carmel's Devendorf Park for the annual tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 30.

In what has become tradition, Pacific Repertory Theatre founder and artistic director Stephen Moorer (left) read "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," while young folks huddled against the cold (above).

Right on time, Santa Claus arrived by fire truck and multicolored lights were illuminated on the city's tree at Ocean Avenue and Junipero Street.

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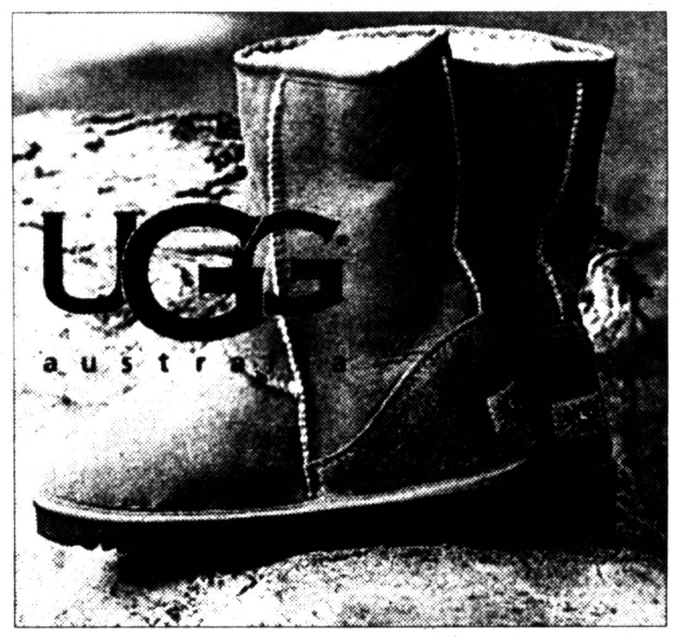

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Community organizations offer myriad of ways to help others

By JENA TORRES
The Californian

FROM DONATING blankets to an animal shelter to keep animals warm to buying ornaments to help raise money for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County, a variety of ways are available to spread the holiday spirit of giving in the community.

The Monterey County Animal Services Center wants to remind people that furry, four-legged critters are available for adoption this holiday season. The center asks, however, that pets not be adopted as gifts, said Cindy Olson, education and volunteer coordinator.

"By no means do we want people to come in and adopt pets as gifts," Olson said, adding that doing so increases the chances of an owner not liking and caring for a pet.

Instead, buying gift certificates from the center is encouraged. Olson said the center has cats and dogs, from 8-week-old puppies to 10-year-old dogs.

"Shelter animals are the best animals," she said. "We'd love for everyone to get their pets from a shelter."

The center also needs volunteers and blankets to keep the animals warm during the cold weather. For information about adopting, volunteering, donating or purchasing gift certificates, call 384-1396.

Meanwhile, the Sun Street Center Recovery Program is asking the community to donate money, canned food and new, unwrapped gifts for its annual Children's Holiday Festival.

For the past 31 years, the center has collected food and toys to give to the children of the men in the substance abuse program as well as the Crisis Center, Shelter Outreach Plus, the Salvation Army and children in hospitals, said Jack Myers, festival coordinator.

"We kind of take a survey of the community and the needs," Myers said. "It seems the need is growing all the time." For information, call 753-5148.

The Visiting Nurse Association is asking people to send in holiday greeting cards with messages for ill, homebound children and adults.

How you can help during the holidays

The following is a list of local agencies and groups seeking assistance during the holiday season. Organizations are listed under the first item requested.

Adopt a family

PROJECT SANTA matches needy families and seniors with people who wish to adopt them for the holidays. 899-4988.

Clothing

COATS FOR KIDS — Country Club Cleaners and Owl Cleaners have begun a local drive, along with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County and the Monterey Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Club to assure that any child who needs a coat this winter will have one. The drive continues through March 1. Bring a new or next-to-new coat to cleaner locations in Monterey, Carmel and Pacific Grove. Coats will be repaired if needed, cleaned and delivered to the BGC. 375-7866, 372-3153 or 394-5171.

Food

FOOD BANK OF MONTEREY COUNTY — Non-perishable food items may be donated. Call 758-1523 for donation stations . Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Food Bank, P.O. Box 460, Marina, CA 93933.

SALINAS ALISAL LIONS CLUB'S FOOD DONATIONS — Call president Darlene Thompson at 422-2555 (Smokey Key Service) weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A box is also set up at Smokey Key Service to collect used eyeglasses, which members give to the needy with sight problems.

CITY OF MARINA CAN DO SPIRIT FOOD DRIVE — Marina city employees are supporting a canned food drive for the Salvation Army. The public is asked to bring canned food items to the Marina City Hall, 211 Hillcrest Ave., Marina, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. weekdays. Joy Junsay 884-1211.

Toys

SALVATION ARMY OF SALINAS — unwrapped toys and clothing for children and canned food donations and/or gift certificates. 443-9655.

MONTEREY FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION — Accepting unwrapped new toys for annual drive to assist families in need at Fire Station One, Pacific and Madison, Fire Station Two, 582 Hawthorne, and Fire Station Three, 401 Dela Vina, Monterey.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT GIFT DRIVE — Employees and the public are invited to visit Marina City Hall, 211 Hillcrest Ave., Marina, and select a child's tag from the Christmas tree and purchase one or two of the items on their wish list. Return gifts, unwrapped and tagged, to the Office of the City Clerk by 4 p.m. Dec. 19. Gifts delivered to the homeless shelter on Dec. 20. Joy Junsay 884-1211.

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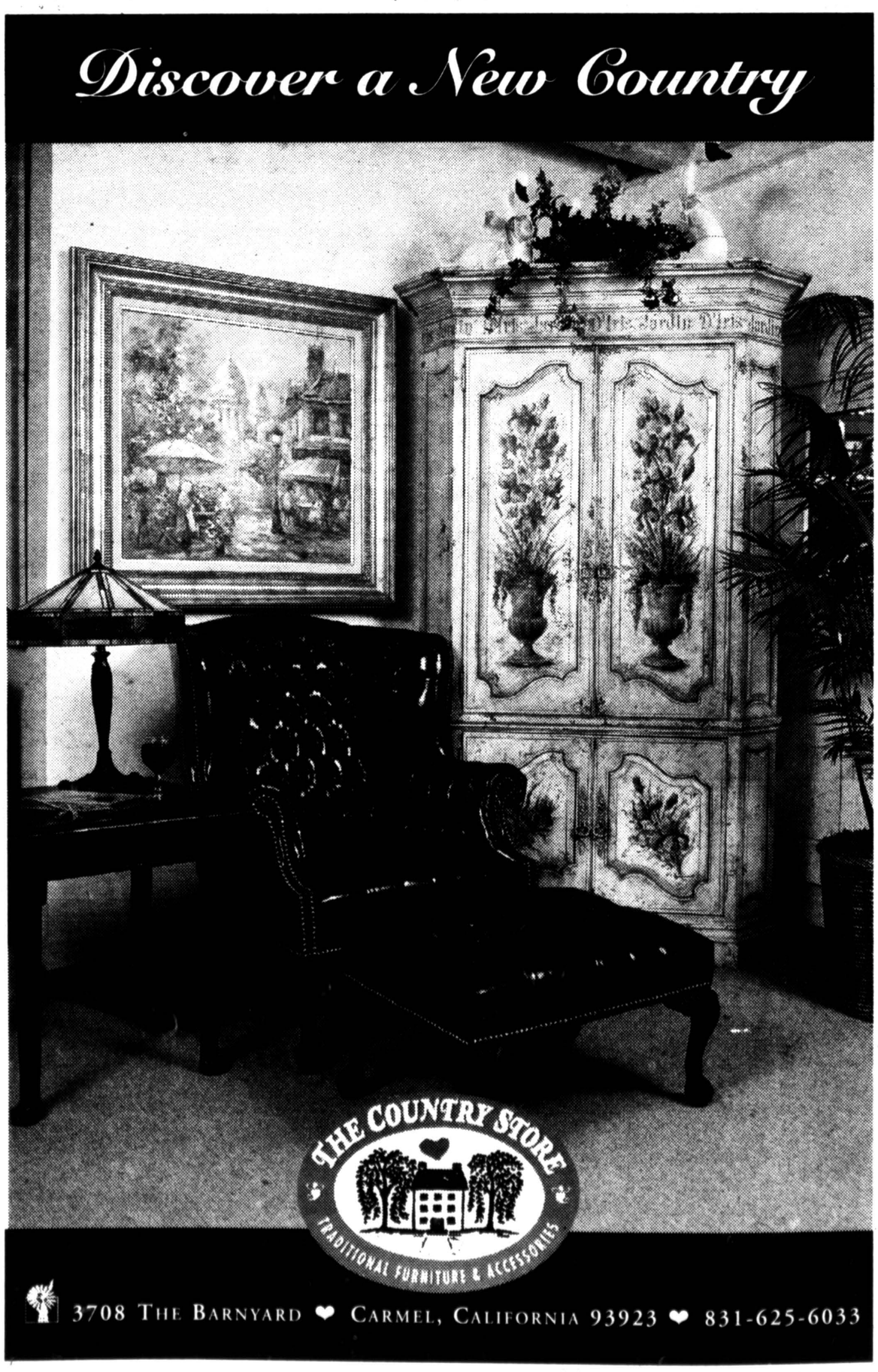
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Soledad St., Salinas, needs volunteers and donations of money and food. The Franciscan Workers of Junipero Serra, 757-3838.

THE SALVATION ARMY, 2460 North Main St., Salinas, needs volunteers for its donation kettles. As little as a few hours would help. Donations of food and money will help with the Christmas basket and toy distribution effort. 443-9655.

Holiday opportunities

VOLUNTEER CENTER OF MONTEREY COUNTY acts as a clearinghouse for locating and referring volunteers to more than 450 nonprofit and public agencies in the county. For information, call 372-4838, 757-3206 or (800) 408-9191.

Bell ringers - approximately 100 volunteers needed to ring at various locations around town collecting donations for Salvation Army. One and two hour shifts through Dec. 24.

Angel Trees and Adopt-A-Family - individuals, families, businesses and organizations can volunteer to set up a tree with tags for children and families needing holiday gifts or turkey/ham for dinner, through Dec. 20.

Canned food drives - volunteers to host food drives at your school, office, organization or neighborhood for various nonprofits or host or collect for drop off sites in the community, through Dec. 20.

Food basket packagers and delivery - help package the food baskets and/or holiday dinners for pick up at sites or help deliver to families in need, Dec. 19-20.

Gift wrappers - join the wrapping parties to wrap donated gifts for community members, through Dec. 20.

Gift wrapping service centers - local department stores can volunteer some space and wrapping paper for youth volunteers to wrap customer purchases to fundraise for college-bound youth scholarships.

Card makers - creative people to design, cut, paste, paint or color holiday greeting cards to be sent to elderly in convalescent homes and to volunteers. Can be done at home, some materials supplied, through Dec. 14.

Donations

CHRISTMAS ABOUT BOYS AND GIRLS — Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County is selling Christmas ornaments for $25 ($3 shipping and handling) and Christmas cards for $10 ($1 shipping and handling) at the club, 1332 La Salle Ave., Seaside, or by mail order or at www.smoothjazz.com. 394-5171.

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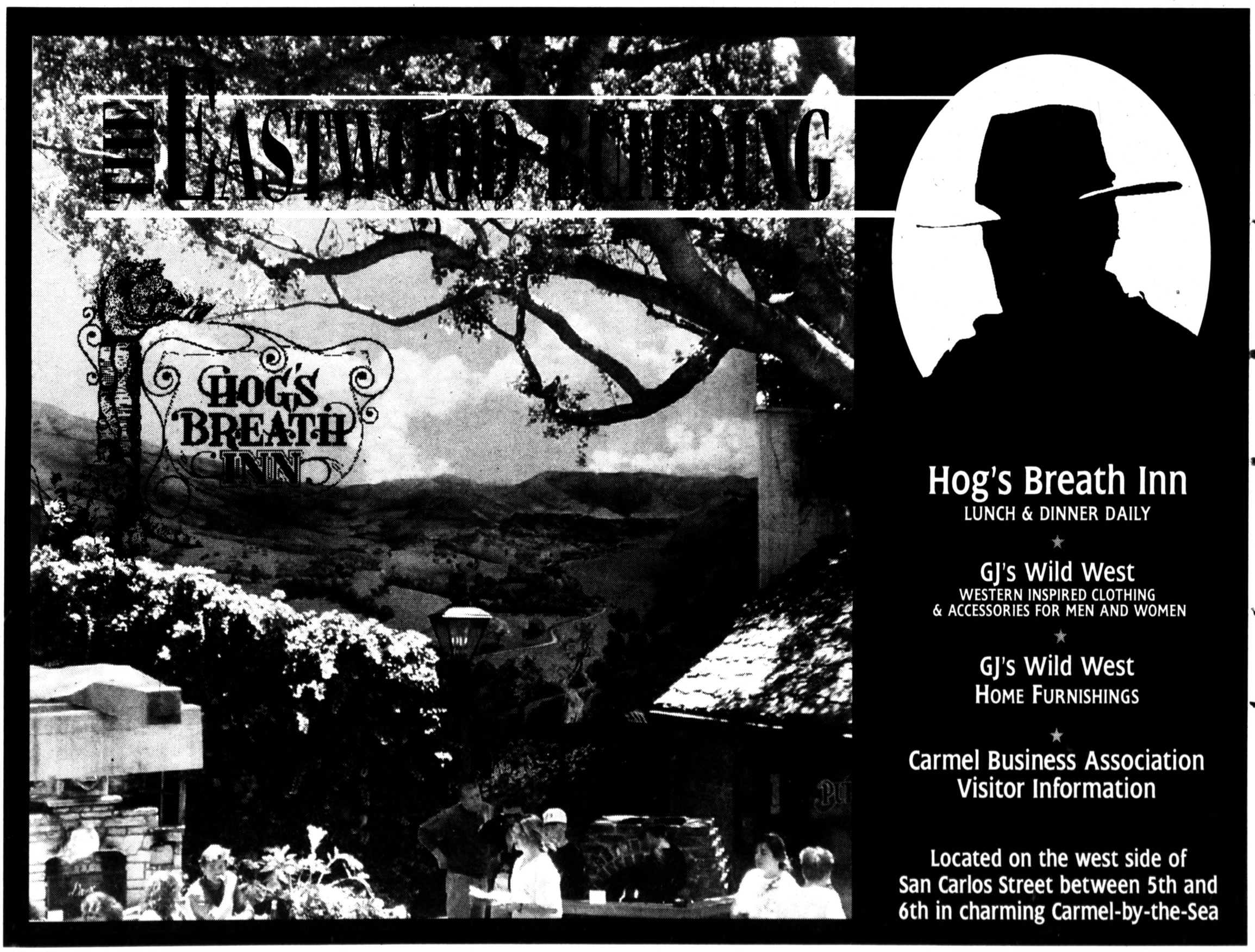

The personal touch — Giving gifts that give a bit more

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AT A loss for the perfect present? Want to bestow something a little more personal on your loved ones than another sweater, calendar or knickknack? Then making gifts — extraordinary talents not required — could be the way to go. Several Peninsula shops provide ways to create less-than-typical, not-too-expensive holiday treasures.

PHOTOS/MARY BROWNFIELD

How could Santa turn down cookies served on a hand-decorated plate? Shelves at Glazes practically spill over with customers' creations awaiting pickup.

Amazing glaze

Glazes, a ceramics workshop in The Crossroads Shopping Village, could have been created with that very thought in mind. Customers can spend minutes, hours or an entire day dabbing paint all over every sort of ceramic ware, from teapots, coffee mugs and bowls, to platters, plates, Christmas ornaments, boxes, piggy banks and figurines. Blank tiles are perfect for kids to paint.

Using as many colors as they like — Glazes carries more than 70 different shades — patrons select their ceramic pieces, paint to their heart's desire, and then leave their creations for a few days while store employees overglaze and fire them.

"People paint teapots for their mothers, kids come in and put hand prints or footprints on things for their grandmothers," said Glazes employee Kelly Shoemaker. "People love coming in here — it's a fabulous gift idea and their own creation."

The shop has its share of regulars, many of whom have become dedicated — or hooked — ceramic artists.

"People come down here and they get addicted because it's a wonderful, creative medium. It's different — you don't even have to be artistic," she said. "It's easy to get inspired — it's a very warm, friendly space to work."

During her past year on the job, Shoemaker has seen all sorts of designs and themes grace Glazes' ceramics. One particularly touched her.

"I have one experience that was as charming as could be: A fellow came in and painted a plate that said, 'Will you marry me?'," Shoemaker recalled.

Shoemaker recommended a small restaurant where the lovestruck customer could take the plate and ask the chef to use it during dinner. The chef placed a sampling of sweets around the words, and placed the dish before the lady.

"It was very sweet," she said. "That was one unique way of proposing marriage: on a plate."

Many school children also come into Glazes to paint tiles, which they take back to their classes, or paint huge pieces together and auction them off to raise money for their schools.

Regardless of artistic flair or eye for design, Shoemaker said everyone can make the perfect gift for someone in the Glazes studio. Costs run $6 an hour or $10 for the day to use the studio, plus the prices of whatever ceramics you select, ranging from a couple of dollars for tiles to $40 for a large bowl.

"And on Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m., we have an adult happy hour," she said. "People can come in and bring snacks to share, a bottle of wine, and pay $5 for three hours of painting."

All other times, Glazes is open seven days a week from noon until early evening. The store also offers occasional classes on ceramic painting techniques. For more information, call 624-0204.

Eat, drink and be merry

For those who wish to give gustatory gifts, but are loath to send another fruitcake — even though those baked at the New Camaldoli Hermitage are superb — or tin of fudge, the Culinary Center of Monterey can teach you how to cook up a feast or prepare and package tasty treats for your family and friends.

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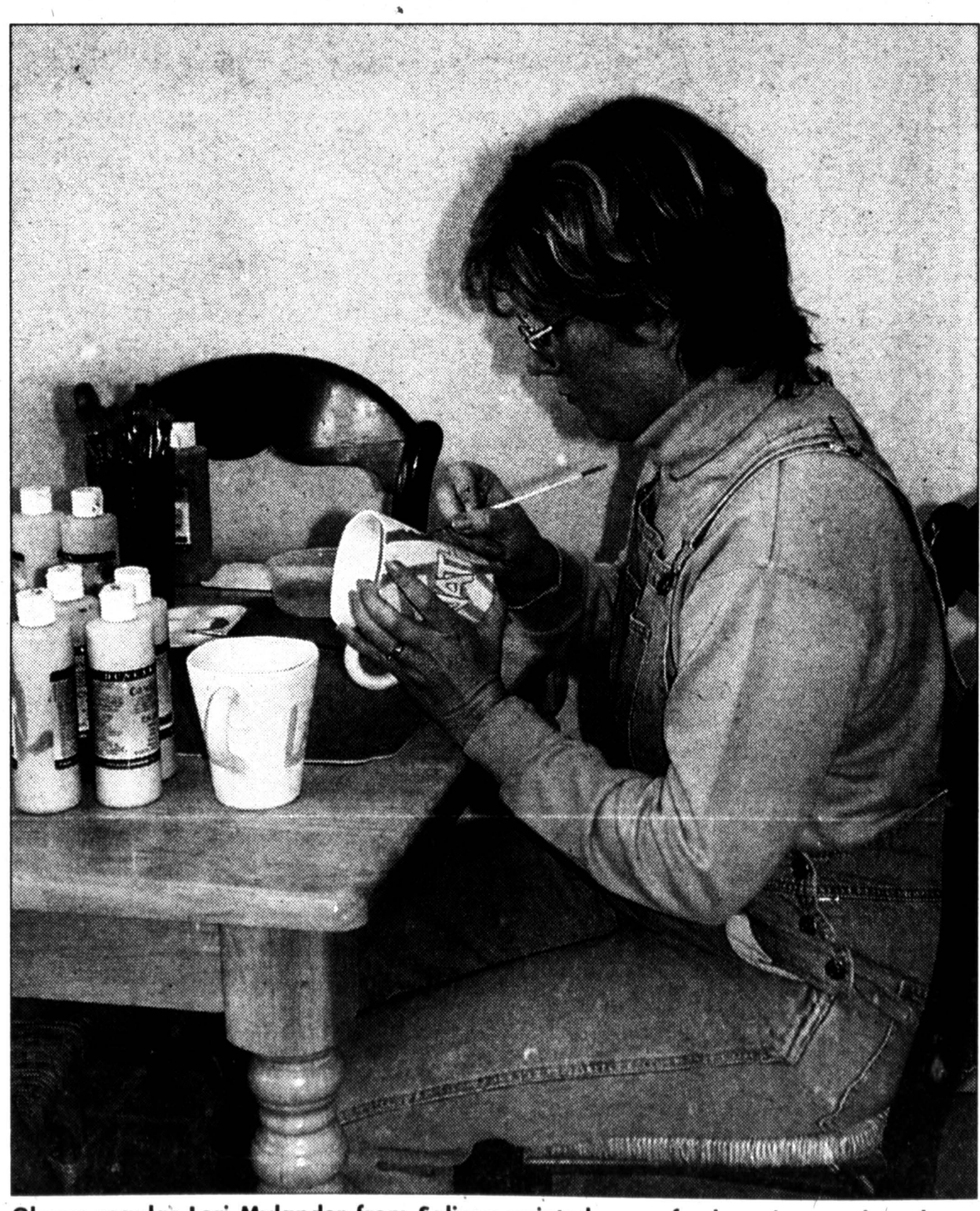
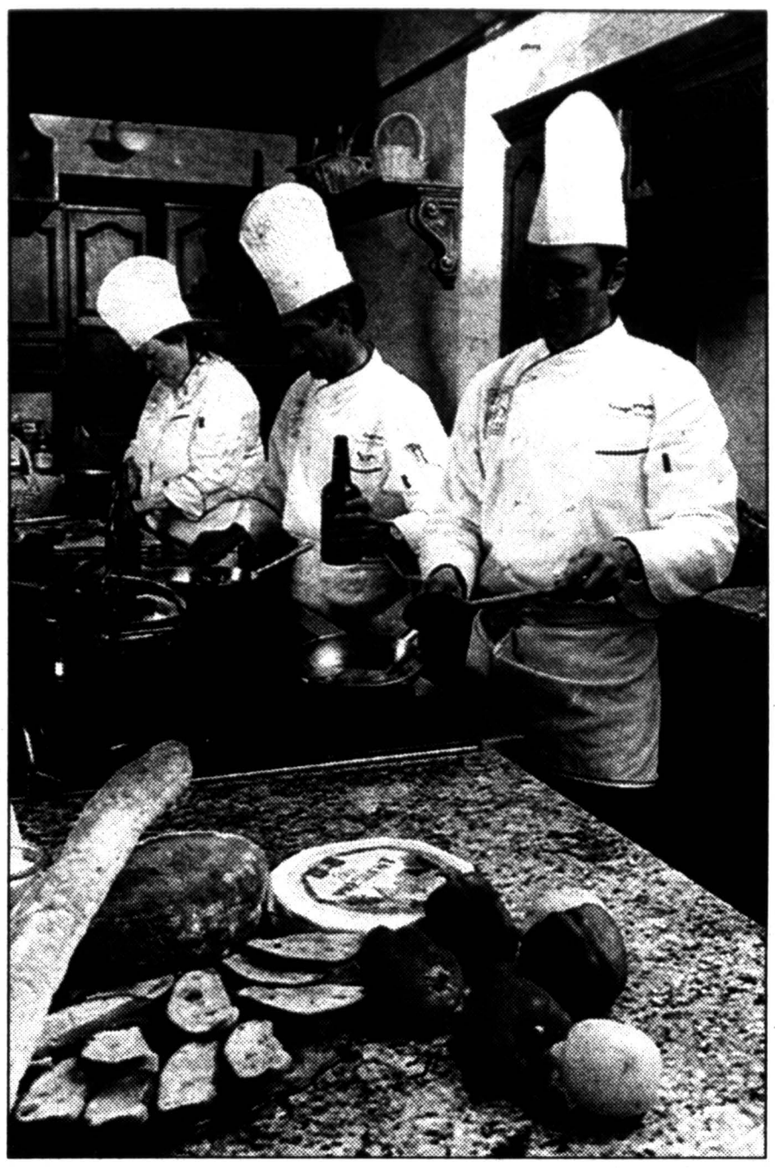


Glazes regular Lori Mylander from Salinas painted mugs for her niece and nephew, who live out of town.



PHOTO/COURTESY CULINARY CENTER OF MONTEREY

Fantasies of being a master chef can be indulged at the Culinary Center of Monterey, home to a plethora of cooking classes.

Created to foster a love of cooking and teach practical skills in a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere, the center offers more than 50 classes on everything from Appetizers Around the World and French Bistro, to Sushi Party, Tamales, and Cooking with Wine. Even Tailgate Party, Leftover Magic and Thirty-Minute Gourmet classes are in the offing.

Heading into the holidays, the center has added special courses, including Holiday Brunch — with items like grilled smoked turkey Benedict on brioche with sage hollandaise and cabernet poached pears with chestnut cream sauce and cranberry crème anglaise — and Holiday Dinner Party, featuring traditional favorites such as assorted potatoes au gratin and rib roast with rosemary and garlic. Other special courses include Holiday Sauces, Chutneys and Relishes and New Year's Eve Appetizers.

"Our main target is to teach, but to have fun," said chef Rodolfo Samayoa, who likes to break open a bottle of wine once class is under way and his students are comfortable with the kitchen and each other. "We want to simulate the experience of cooking at home."

The recipes are designed to teach more than how to make one particular dish, but to help students learn techniques. Learn how to make risotto, he said, and you'll understand how to cook all different varieties of rice. He often offers advice on pairing food and wine during the classes, which typically last four hours.

"Or with hollandaise, I like to show the method so that people understand how it works," he said. "From one recipe you can learn so many techniques."

And when it doesn't work, Samayoa said, it doesn't matter: You learn from the mistake and move on.

If cooking up a four-course meal or preparing sweets and savories to give to your friends is not your cup of tea, the Culinary Center also offers gift certificates — which you can purchase for your loved ones and then demand they invite you to dinner to show what they've learned — and has a shop to set you up with a bevy of kitchen delights, comestible and otherwise.

The Culinary Center of Monterey is located at 625 Cannery Row in Monterey. For more information, call 333-2133 or visit:

www.culinarycenterofmonterey.com.

Gifts that keep on giving

Anyone with a fondness for the garden — or even just a few potted plants — can find a plethora of plant-based presents — from the practical to the bizarre — at any nursery.

While gift bags or baskets filled with hand tools, bulbs, books and other gardening gadgets suffice, if you're seeking to get a little dirt under your nails, you can dig in and create living gifts.

"If they like to cook, you can give them grow-your-own veggies, like an artichoke plant, a berry plant and some strawberries," planted side-by-side in a ceramic pot, said Cleo Pirtle at Griggs Nursery.

Combine a gray artichoke and with a red cyclamen or primrose, "and you've got the gift of food plus flowering plants plus a clay pot — a nice gift that keeps on giving," she said. And such festive colors, too.

"We also have an herbal pot they could plant with parsley, oreganos, and small mints for decorating cakes and things," she added. "It's a little windowsill garden, and they can keep clipping and clipping."

Want something more unique? What about a "a little itty bitty tree" — a bonzai — that stand less than a foot tall? Or a pot with a face?

"On the top of the pot it's hollowed out, and you can put in strange and weird plants so they grow like hair," Pirtle said. "One lady did it and it looked like Medusa."

A rose lover may be interested in growing a carpet rose up and through an iron obelisk, so that it comes up through the top and spills over with blooms in the spring and summer months.

And if the recipients of such horticultural treasures need a little inspiration in the garden, Pirtle also teaches a free class at Oldemeyer Center in Seaside on Thursdays through MPC's adult school.

"You could tear the page out of the catalog, roll it up, put a ribbon around it, and add a dozen bulbs and a utility knife," she said. "That would give them incentive."

Griggs, in Carmel Valley, can be reached at 626-0680.

Bernardus, Quail Lodge and Golf Club offer special Christmas menus

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

TWO CARMEL Valley lodges will offer Christmas dinners on Dec. 25 and one will prepare a special Christmas Eve dinner, as well.

Marinus, the fine-dining restaurant at Bernardus Lodge, 415 Carmel Valley Road at Laureles Grade, Carmel Valley, will serve an à la carte dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. on Christmas day. Chef Cal Stamenov and wine director Mark Jensen have designed a special four course Marinus menu with wine pairings.

Also at Bernardus Lodge, Chef Stamenov is preparing an informal menu for Wickets Bistro on Christmas day from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. The à la carte menu will highlight traditional holiday menu items. Domestic wine pairings will be available.

Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 658-3400.

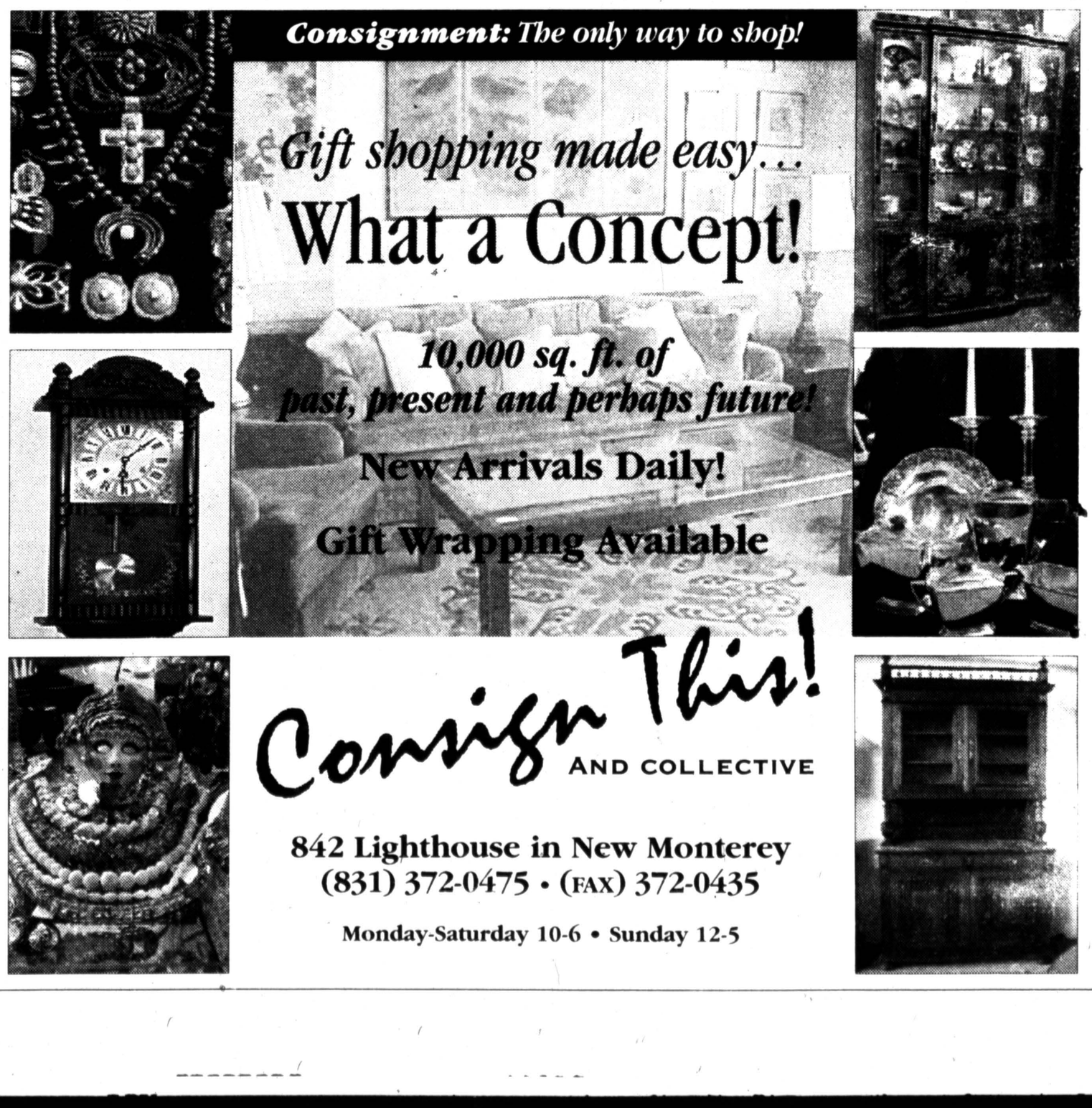
Christmas dinner at Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive, Carmel, off Carmel Valley Road, will prepare a four-course, prix fixe menu at $55 for adults and $25 for children 10 and under (tax and gratuity not included).

The Dec. 25 dinner includes a choice of soup or salad, followed by a palate-cleansing sorbet. Diners may select from entrées of broiled venison chop, roast prime rib, roast free range hen tarragon, or Dover sole filled with blue crab. A selection of imported cheeses is followed by a holiday dessert selection: eggnog Bavarian plum Charlotte; four-flower sorbet in a waffle gaufrette; white chocolate cake with bitter chocolate mousse, or Grand Marnier soufflé.

On Christmas day a festive buffet will be laid out at the Golf Club from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. The set price is $38 for adults, $21 for children 10 and under. An assortment of traditional and innovative salads and side dishes accompany herb-roasted turkey, honey mustard glazed ham, baked salmon and grilled New York steak. An assortment of pies will also be offered.

Those who wish to dine out on Christmas eve, Dec. 24, will not be disappointed at Quail Lodge. The Covey is offering special holiday items in addition to its classic menu. The à la carte menu will be served from 6 p.m.

For more information and reservations, call 620-8886.



Where the WILD THINGS are

By MARY BROWNFIELD

LIONS USUALLY roar at night, and during the special holiday flashlight tours being offered by Wild Things Animal Rentals Inc. at Vision Quest Ranch in Salinas this month, lucky folks may hear that spine-tingling guttural sound live and in person.

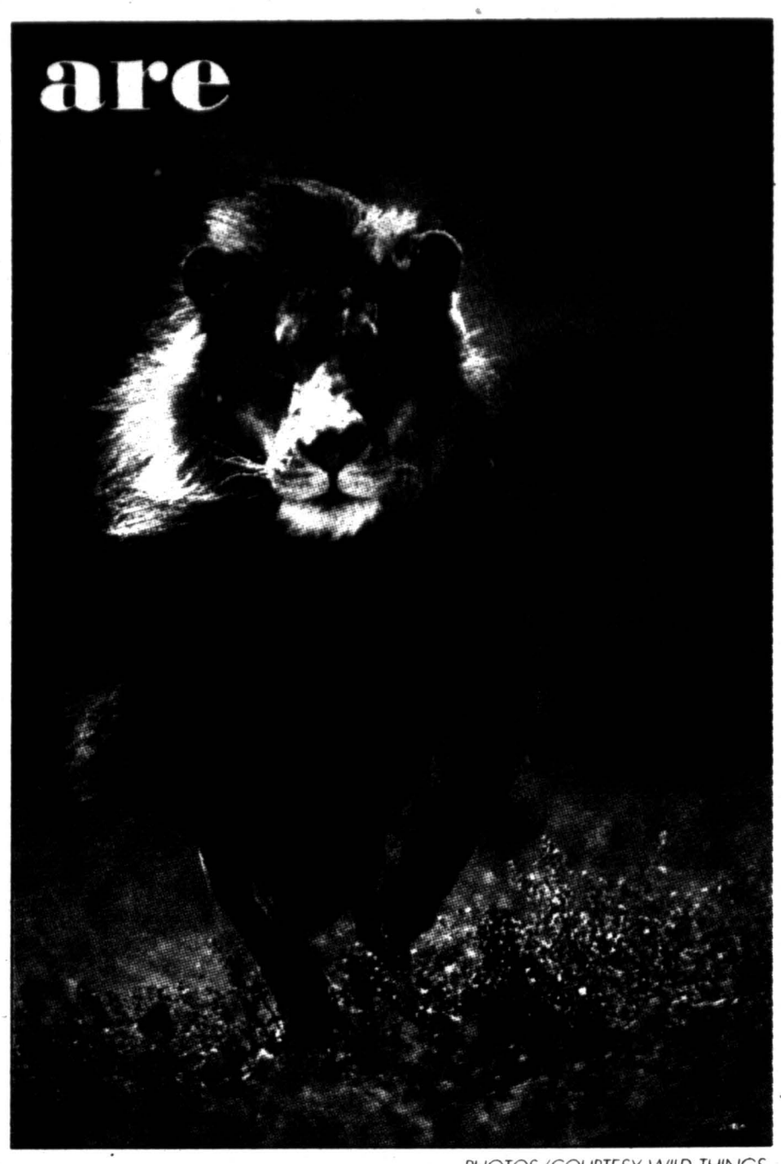
"Most of our animals are nocturnal, so a couple of times a year we give people a chance to see the animals when they are naturally awake," said Wild Things education program coordinator Cassie Ley.

And those animals aren't a kennel's usual dogs and cats. Well, there are several cats, but they're really big: African lions and lionesses, Bengal tigers and cubs, cougars, and black, spotted and white leopards.

Wild Things is home to more than 100 exotic animals — everything from camels, rams, zebras and monkeys, to gila monsters, porcupines and alligators — and many have appeared in more films, television shows and commercials than successful Hollywood actors.

The lion who may decide to share his roar is Joseph, whose credits include "The Lion King," "George of the Jungle" and "The Postman."

And then there's the African elephant who waves at the crowd, wiggles her ears and feeds from children's outstretched hands with her trunk.



PHOTOS/COURTESY WILD THINGS

Want to hear Joseph the Lion roar? Try your luck during a Wild Things holiday flashlight tour.

Brandi the black bear, another veteran celebrity who has appeared in "The Drew Carey Show" and "Made in America," wows the crowds with her cinematic snarls and swipes.

And just for the holidays, Wild Things' reindeer — who star with Whoopi Goldberg in this year's "Call me Claus," will appear with Santa and be available for photos with the kids at the close of the tour.

"We pretend the reindeer are not here yet, and then halfway through the tour, Santa shows up with them on the hillside," Ley said. She shared the secret with the newspaper because most of the kids probably won't be reading it, she said.

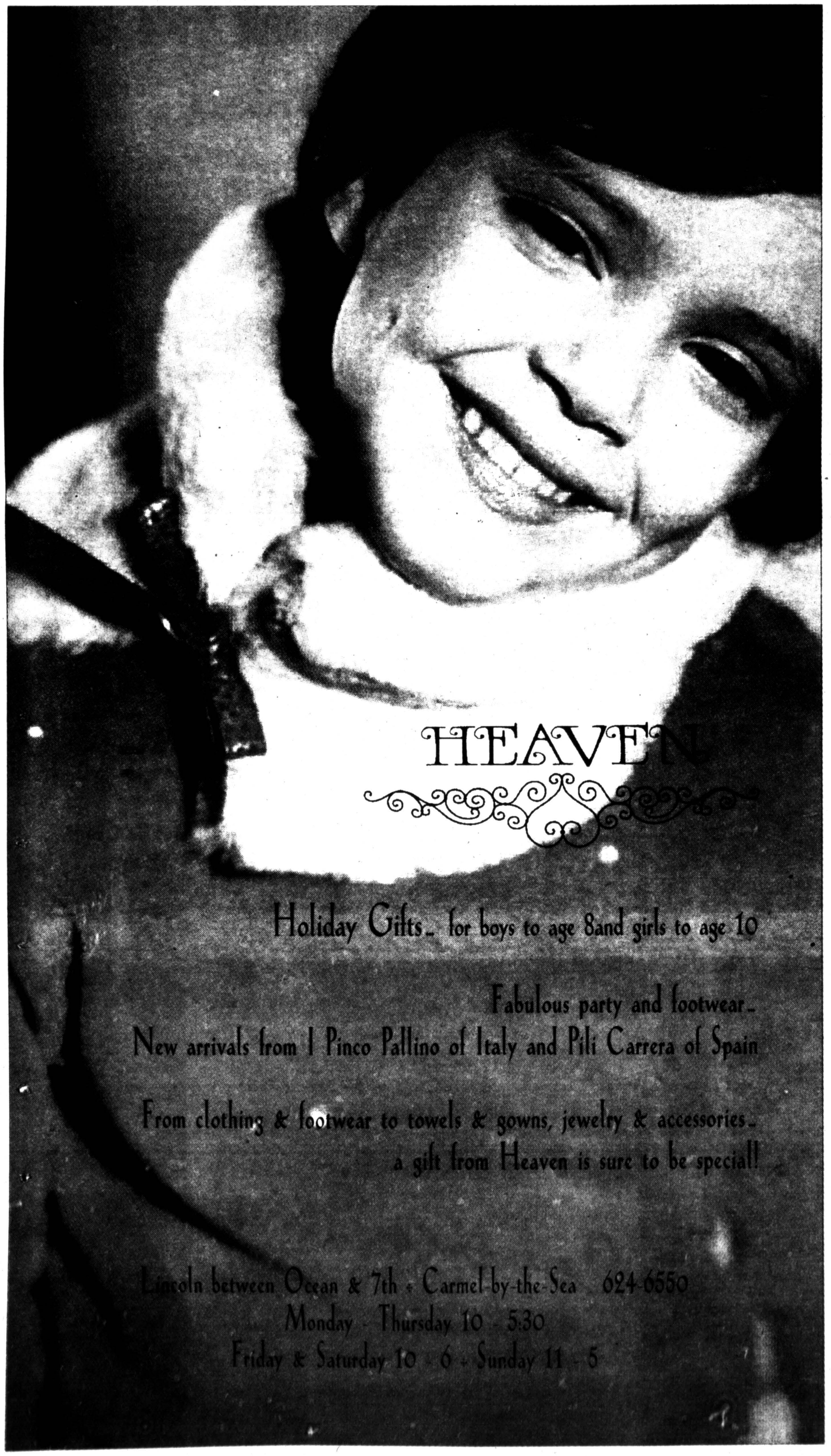
The hour-plus tours — offered Dec. 14, 15, 21-23 and 28-30 — end with refreshments and photos. Admission is $12 for adults and $10 for children ages 3 to 14. Children younger than 3 should stay at home, Ley said.

Wild Things accepts reservations for about 80 people on each night offered, and divides them into two groups of 40. Reservations are required and the events typically sell out quickly, she warned.

Wild Things is located at 400 River Road in Salinas. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 455-1901 ext. 3, or visit:

www.wildthingsinc.com.

The bears at Wild Things may look frightening, but it's all an act.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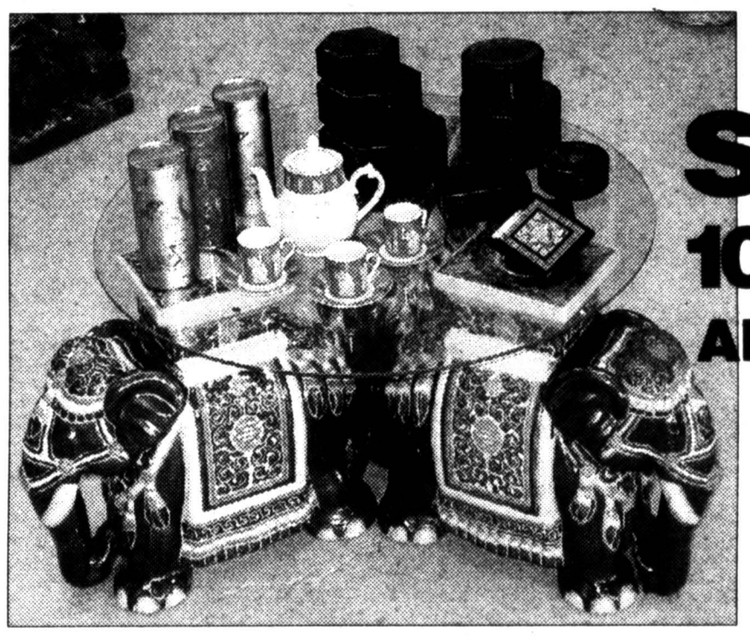

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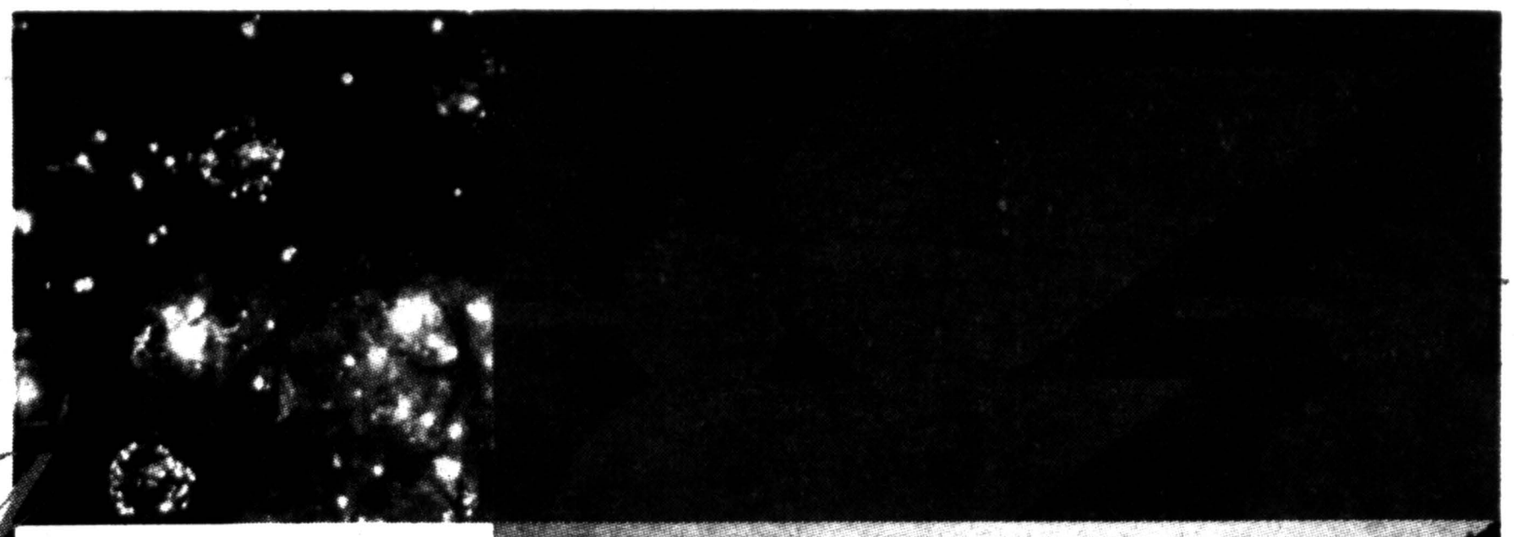

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